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PLANE REPORTED "IN GRAVE DANGER OF SINKING"

FRUITLESS SEARCH BY BRITISH CRAFTS

Brixham, Devonshire, Dec. 27.

Royal Air Force planes, lifeboats and warships were engaged in a search for a plane, believed to be French, which sent distress signals from the sea off Brixham Point, Devonshire, early this morning.

When the signals were picked up by land radio, lifeboats from Brixham and Salcombe left for the Point indicated by the distress signals. The secretary of the Brixham lifeboat, after radio communication with the crew of the boat, stated that there were passengers in the plane.

The distress calls received from the plane before the lifeboat reached it were in French, but beyond that there was no indication of the plane's identity. A distress signal was also picked up at Le Bourget airdrome, Paris, where it is stated the operator was of the opinion that the signal was given by a person with an American accent.

Enquiries have failed to establish the origin or identity of the plane. A report from Paris stated that the machine was a French military aircraft, but officials of the French Navy Ministry later stated that they were "absolutely certain" that the plane was not a French military plane, as all French army and navy aircraft were accounted for. They believed that the report about a

French plane crash originated from the Luxembourg radio.

Paris officials and the French War Ministry had no other information. The Commander-in-Chief at Devonport has ordered the emergency duty naval ship Tremadoc Bay to proceed to the spot where the plane is believed to have crashed.

Royal Air Force planes were also sent out this morning to help in the search.

An Air Ministry official said: "All we have to base our search on is the radio message. We have no other details yet. RAF planes are making a routine search, always made when aircraft is reported missing."

The Salcombe lifeboat returned after a 21-hour search without finding any trace of the plane. The

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Report On Un-American Activities

Washington, Dec. 26. The House Committee on Un-American Activities today handed a report by its general counsel, Ernie Adamson, charging that American Communists sought to gain political control of the United States and were bent on fomenting "revolution through a general strike."

The report also charged that firstly, in the event of war between the United States and Russia, the American Communists were prepared to carry out a far-reaching industrial campaign through strikes by "Communist-controlled unions"; and secondly, the Communists were "setting up numerous political organizations... which have the overall purpose of ultimate overthrow of the Government."

The Committee has not yet acted on the report.

Meanwhile, Mr. Adamson told in his report of the activities of Mr. Elliott Roosevelt, who returned on Wednesday from Russia.

Mr. Adamson said the Communists hoped Russia would pave the way for discontent in the United States by taking a big portion of United States foreign trade, thus creating widespread unemployment in this country.

Mr. Adamson said that 6,000,000 Americans normally employed as a result of foreign trade "is a concept that in addition to inciting hatred against the Government of the United States in our own country, in Europe and in Latin America, the Communists are endeavouring to secure a Communist system of government in China and Japan."

The American Communist Party realised it could never obtain control of the United States through electoral procedures. He estimated the Party's membership to be 500,000, although it claimed only 100,000.

The Communists realise, Mr. Adamson added, that the Communist plan of creating unemployment in the United States was the only medium through which they could possibly gain control of the United States. He said the increased rate at which labour unions were organising Communists and follow traveller elements was evidence of the unions' awakening to the danger of Communism in their ranks.—United Press.

DEPORTED FROM MANILA

Manila, Dec. 27. The British to-day reported that an order for the deportation of Victor Prosky, 33, Russian subject, who was believed to be propagandizing Communist ideas here, was issued yesterday by the Immigration Commissioner, Enrique Fabre. Immigration authorities labelled Prosky "an undesirable alien and a menace to peace and order in the country" in recommending his deportation. He will be placed on board the first ship available for Manchuria, Fabre announced.—United Press.

LORRY RUNS INTO CINEMA CROWD AND KILLS SIX

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 27. Six Asiatics were killed and five others seriously injured late last night when a stolen army lorry ran into a crowd of people who were leaving a cinema.

The occupants of the lorry, stated to be four British service men, fled when the vehicle was brought to a standstill, but following a widespread search by the military and civil police, two men have been detained in connection with the fatal incident.—Reuters.

ORCHESTRA PLAYED WHILE HOTEL BURNED

Bournemouth, Dec. 27. Christmas holiday guests wearing nightgowns and slippers were in the lounge of the Bournemouth Hotel early to-day and listened to the orchestra play impromptu music while firemen fighting a blaze in the servants' wing. A hundred and fifty guests were routed from their sleep shortly before dawn when the fire broke out. Twelve persons in the servants' wing escaped without injury.—United Press.

MUTINY TRIAL BEGINS IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, Dec. 27. The Court Martial in Singapore began this morning of seven Indian soldiers charged with mutiny.

The charges arise out of a Christmas Island massacre of one British officer and four non-commissioned officers on March 10, 1942.

A mutiny charge can carry the death penalty. A murder charge was not possible, because more than three years have elapsed since the incident. The defendants entered the room, where the trial is being held, through a door over which hung a red and blue sign, saying "welcome." The courtroom is the recreation hall of a Singapore transport camp, and was the scene of Christmas celebrations. It was still festooned with gay streamers and Christmas placards.—Associated Press.

Senator Wants Immigration To US Stopped

Washington, Dec. 27. Senator Thomas, Democrat of Oklahoma, brought to the Congressional floor today the bill which would halt all immigration into the United States should be halted immediately.

Mr. Thomas told a reporter: "I make no distinction as to race or nationality. We already have too many people in this country."

President Truman said last October in calling for substantial immigration of Jews into Palestine that he was prepared to ask Congress for legislation of United States laws to admit thousands of refugees into the United States.

Republican Senators who will hold a majority in the session starting on Friday indicated today that they wanted to see President Truman's proposals before they committed themselves.—Associated Press.

COLOMBIA JOINS WORLD BANK

Washington, Dec. 26. Colombia became the 38th member of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, following the signing of the Articles of Agreement on Tuesday. Mr. Harold D. Smith, Vice President, announced to-day.—Central News.

AMERICAN LEND-LEASE FIGURES PUBLISHED

Washington, Dec. 27. President Truman told Congress to-day that the United States sent her Allies \$50,692,109,000 worth of lend-lease by September 30, 1946, and received or will get more than \$10,000,000,000 in return.

In his 23rd report to Congress on such operations President Truman said the British Empire and Russia received 84.2 per cent of the aid or \$42,690,244,000. The British Empire, with lend-lease aggregating \$31,332,361,000, led the list.

The Presidential report indicated that settlements have been negotiated and liquidation achieved with countries which received 70 per cent of America's wartime bounty. He said still to be negotiated are final settlements with China, Russia, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway and the Union of South Africa.

The report emphasized: 1. Lend-lease aid prior to V-J Day totalled \$49,579,000,000. Since then and up to September 30 it was \$2,113,000,000 more.

2. Belgium was the only nation receiving such aid which gave more in reverse lend-lease than she received. Belgium got \$14,000,000 in materials and commodities, but in return provided \$204,800,000.

3. Because China was on the "verge of collapse" at the end of hostilities, the President authorized

Premier Discusses Corfu Channel Mining

London, Dec. 27. The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, conferred with the Prime Minister Mr. Clement Attlee, at the latter's country home to-day on the probable British rejection of the Albanian reply to the British ultimatum on the mining of Corfu Channel.

The Ministers were believed to have discussed the manner in which Britain might bring the mining of two British destroyers with a loss of 44 lives in Corfu Channel to the Security Council as a threat to international peace.

Even as they met the London "Daily Mail" published a dispatch from Rome reporting "every indication" that Corfu Channel has been "mined again by Albanians."

The dispatch, which gave only "persistent reports from Bari" and an unnamed Italian source as its source, was not taken seriously in London, however. The Foreign Office and the Admiralty said they neither had knowledge of such reports nor intended to investigate them.

The seriousness with which Britain regards the mining of her two destroyers on October 22 was seen, however, in the fact that Mr. Bevin interrupted both his and Mr. Attlee's Christmas holiday vacation to discuss the question.

Mr. Bevin's conference with Mr. Attlee was believed to have centred primarily on whether Britain should bring the matter before the Security Council under Article 34 or 39 of the United Nations Charter.

Article 34 empowers the Council to investigate any dispute or situation which "might lead to international friction or give rise to a dispute." Article 39 covers the "existence of any threat to peace, breach of peace or act of aggression."

The matter may be referred to a full Cabinet meeting on Monday for final decision. The Foreign Office said it did not anticipate an announcement until early next week.—United Press.

No Confirmation

Rome, Dec. 27. A spokesman of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Clearance Board told Reuters to-day that he was unable to confirm or deny the reports that the Corfu Channel had been mined again after last month's "sweep" naval sweep—but that they were probably just fishermen's gossip.

The spokesman said that the Channel had not yet been declared navigable by the British Admiralty. Two sweeps were normally carried out before the area was declared clear. They were known as a "hundred per cent sweep" and a "check sweep." So far only the first of these had been made in the Corfu Channel.

Once a "check sweep" had been made, the area would be declared clear, the spokesman said.—Reuters.

FRENCH AIRCRAFT IN BATTLE AGAINST VIET NAMHENSE

FIERCE COUNTER-ATTACKS

Saigon, Dec. 27.

French aircraft joined the battle against fiercely-counter attacking Viet Namh troops around Hanoi yesterday, where General Valluy, Commander of the French Far Eastern troops, has arrived. Headquarters said French fighter planes strafed and bombed Viet Namh convoys and troop concentrations during yesterday's fighting.

General Valluy flew to Hanoi from Saigon. French sources here said Viet Namh troops suffered heavy casualties yesterday, but admitted that the ferocity of their attacks seemed to be increasing. Namdinh, Haldoung and Hongay were being subjected to attack yesterday as the Viet Namhese apparently extended their activity.

Dr. Levanhoach, president of the provisional government of Cochinchina, wanted to rule himself.—United Press.

End to Fighting Demanded

Paris, Dec. 27. Seven Viet Namhese labour and political organisations to-day sent a joint resolution to Marius Moutet, French Minister of Colonies, now in Saigon, demanding an immediate end to the fighting, according to French press reports here.

The resolution also demanded the resumption of negotiations between the French and Viet Namh Governments, the establishment of a mixed Franco-Viet Namhese Commission to study the situation and the im-

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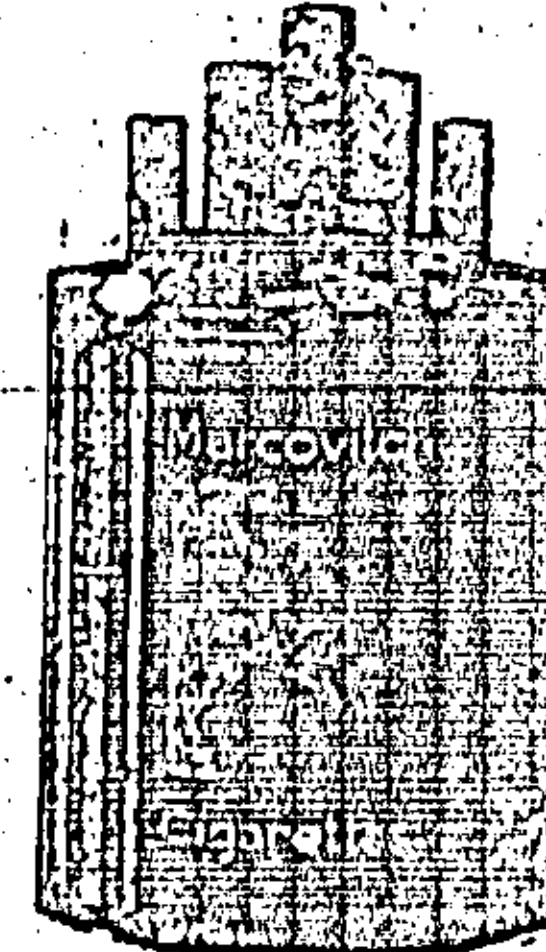
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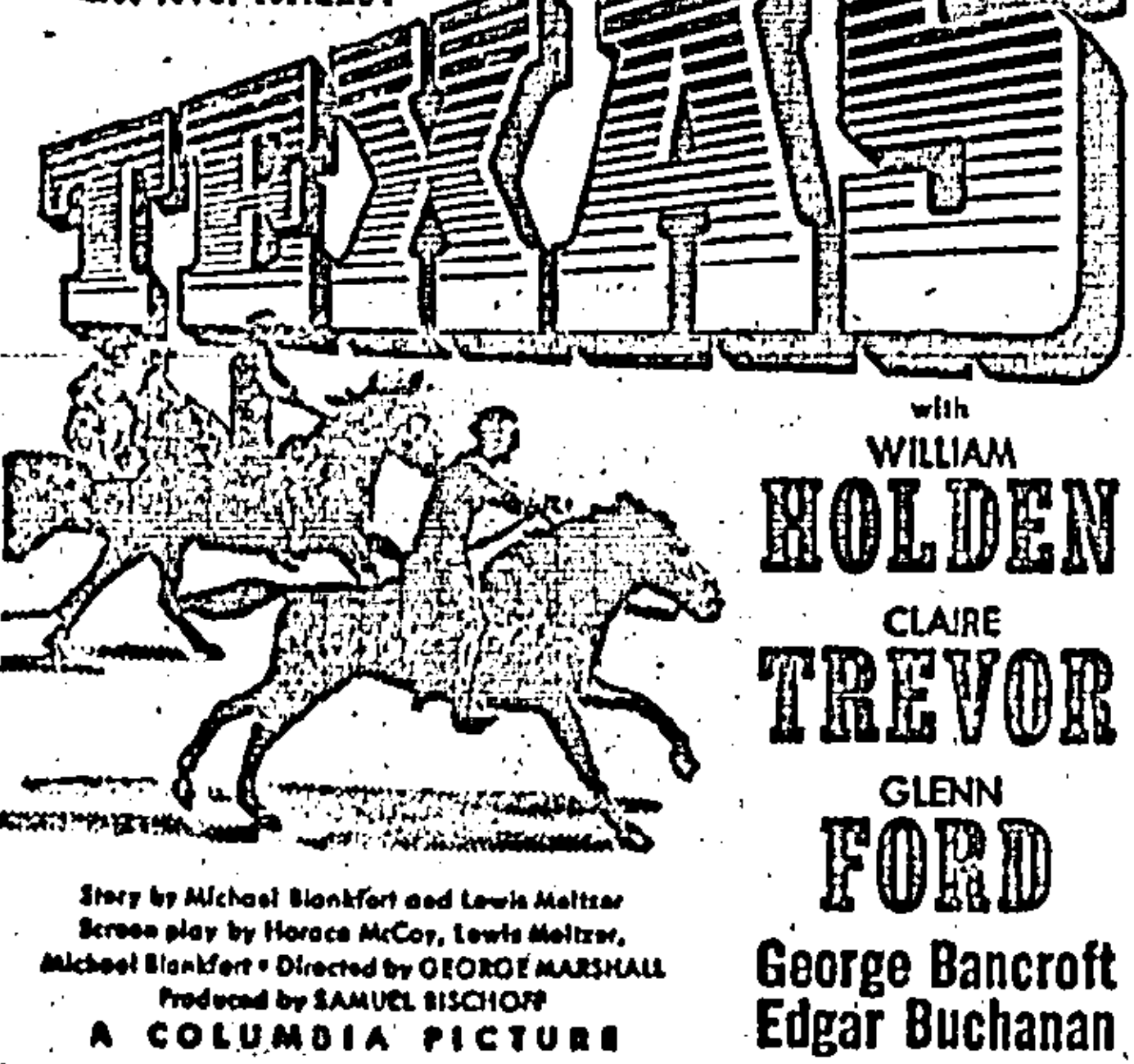
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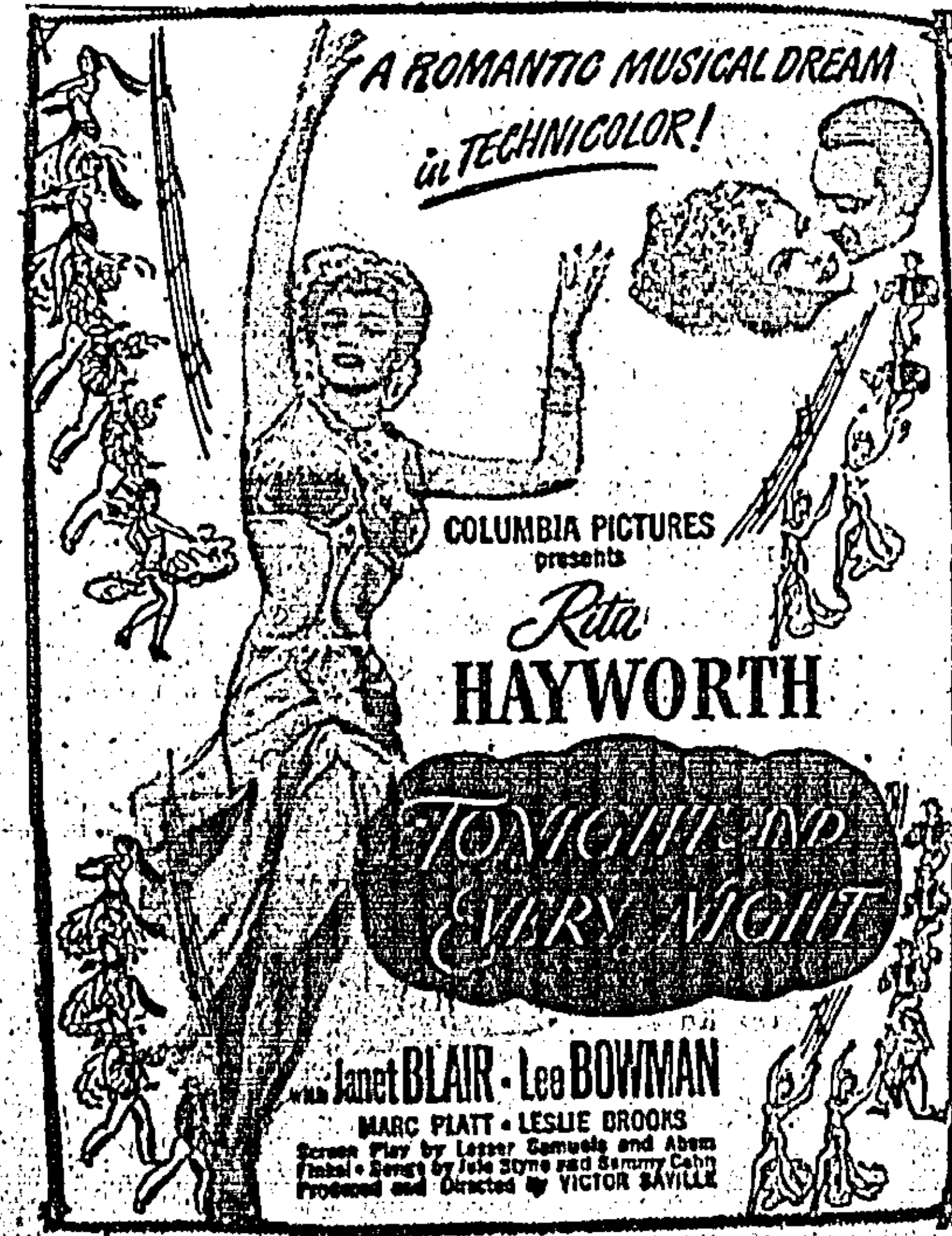
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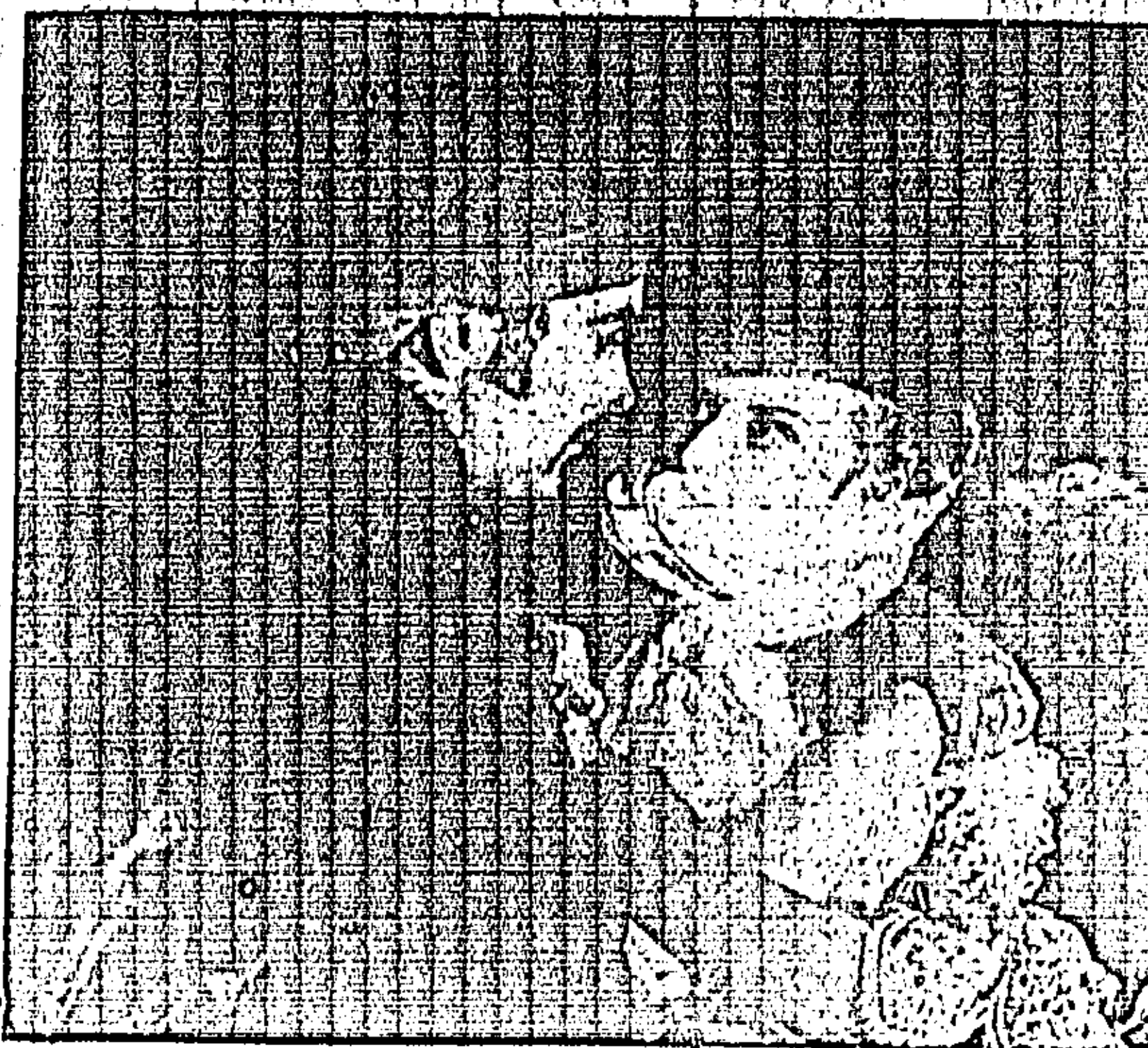
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FILMS & PLAYERS



RAFAEL SABATINI's tale of the Spanish Main, "The Black Swan," has been made into an exciting Technicolor film. It is the New Year attraction at the Queen's. Tyrone Power and Maureen O'Hara are seen above in a tense moment from the picture. The cast includes Laird Cregar and George Sanders.

Elsa Maxwell Retains
Party-giving Title

The wild battle for Hollywood's party-giving championship has been resumed—and at its old furious pace. Once again, Elsa Maxwell, America's No. 1 mistress of fun and frolic at its social best, is leading the gay rush.

She recently gave an extravagant party for Jack L. Warner, head man of the studio bearing his name. Although she vigorously denied any competitive intent, Miss Maxwell apparently was aiming her big social guns at the all-night affair staged a week before by Jennifer Jones and Anita Colby at the David O. Selznick home—a reception for the newly wed director and actress, John Huston and Evelyn Keyes.

The excuse for Elsa's festivities—a going-away party for Europe-bound Jack Warner.

This latest in the record-breaking series of Hollywood parties was a "costume" event, in which the guests

arrived in variegated outfits and were immediately paired off by numbers.

Then they were escorted to a specially built stage and told to go into an act—any kind of act they might conceive—within five minutes. Suitable prizes, of course, were awarded, but not in the gala style of Selznick's shining, whereat fully clothed guests dived into a garden-encrusted pool for platinum rings.

CINEMA GUIDE

Showing To-day

KING'S—Kismet.

QUEEN'S—Sudan.

ALHAMBRA—To-night and Every Night.

Next Change

KING'S—Incendiary Blonde (Wednesday).

QUEEN'S—The Black Swan (Monday).

ALHAMBRA—The Sky's the Limit (Wednesday).

NEWS OF BRITISH
STARS AND FILMS

(By "Telegraph" Film Correspondent)

If you meet Gary Cooper, Charles Laughton, or John Abbott at any time, look at their ankles. It is probable that the socks they are wearing have been knitted by Flora Robson. Many Hollywood stars purchased Flora's socks when she was knitting them on behalf of war relief organisations. Since then all her friends have been coming to her with requests that she should knit socks for them. Latest is Basil Dearden, her director. It looks as though Dearden is going to be unlucky, though. He wants yellow socks, and Flora just cannot get the wool! Not that Flora would have much time these days for knitting. She is busy on two films simultaneously—"Frieda" and "Holiday Camp"—has a show every evening at the Duchess Theatre in London, where she is playing in "Message for Margaret", and broadcasts for the BBC as well.

Hollywood is taking a deep interest in Mal Zetterling, but, although Sweden has always been a happy hunting-ground for Hollywood star material, this time Hollywood is not likely to be lucky. There is little risk of Miss Zetterling accepting. She was saying the other day that she has a Stockholm stage contract which permits her to make films only twice a year. She wants to make those pictures either in Sweden or in England—and she is already discussing another British film which she may make next year.

The excellent policy of inviting distinguished composers to write the music for British pictures is being continued with the signing of Ralph Vaughan Williams for "The Loves of Joanna Godden". There are few composers so well suited to compose music with the English spirit which is in this film, which stars Goggin Wither and Jean Kent.

Michael Redgrave has been offered a part in a French film on his return from Hollywood. He speaks three languages and would record his part

KATINA'S
CHRISTMAS
PRESENT.

A few days before Christmas 1939, a high Nazi official arrived in Athens to ask a famous Greek tragedienne to appear on the German stage. This actress was Madame Katina Paxinou, now starring in "Uncle Silas", which is being made in Britain from Io Fannu's book.

Her refusal was curt. "I do not wish to leave my Greece during the war!"

The Nazi insisted, trying to bribe her with an enormous sum which, as further enticement, she could take from Germany in the currency of any nation she cared to name. Even so, Katina Paxinou was not interested. In order to get rid of the man she invented a magnificent lie.

"I am going to England! I have been offered a contract there!" she said.

The official sneered that in three days England would be an isolated, unimportant little island cut off from the rest of the world by Germanic power.

Madame Paxinou quietly replied:

"I still much prefer to go to this unimportant little island!"

Just before four o'clock on Christmas morning Madame Paxinou returned home from a party. A telegram was awaiting her—a telegram from England offering a contract. By seven o'clock she had wired acceptance.

The lie had become the truth!

TEX GUINAN'S
LIFE STORY

Texas Guinan, the famous Broadway night club character of the twenties, comes to vivid life in "Incendiary Blonde," Technicolor musical coming to the King's Theatre on New Year's Day. Betty Hutton plays the part of Texas.

Early in the "Incendiary Blonde," Texas' lovable, but improvident father (Barry Fitzgerald), takes his family to a rodeo match where Texas rides a wild bronco, wins first prize. Within a short time Texas is the headline attraction with the rodeo.

Moving on after her triumph in rodeo, Texas is an immediate hit in musical comedy on Broadway.

The Guinan has one for ingenuity as well as talent, and though luckless and disappointed in love, her promotional ability makes her the talk of New York and Queen of the Night Clubs. In the night club sequences Betty is truly at her best, greeting every guest with "hello sucker" or some equally insulting phrase, and making them love it. Her antics are show-stopping as are the musical numbers including "Tow, Row, Row."

Other songs sung throughout the picture are "The Darleown Strutters Ball" and "Ida." Some song hits of the period are instrumentalised in background music. Among them are "Pony Boy," "Oh You Beautiful Doll," "Margie" and "Chini Boy."

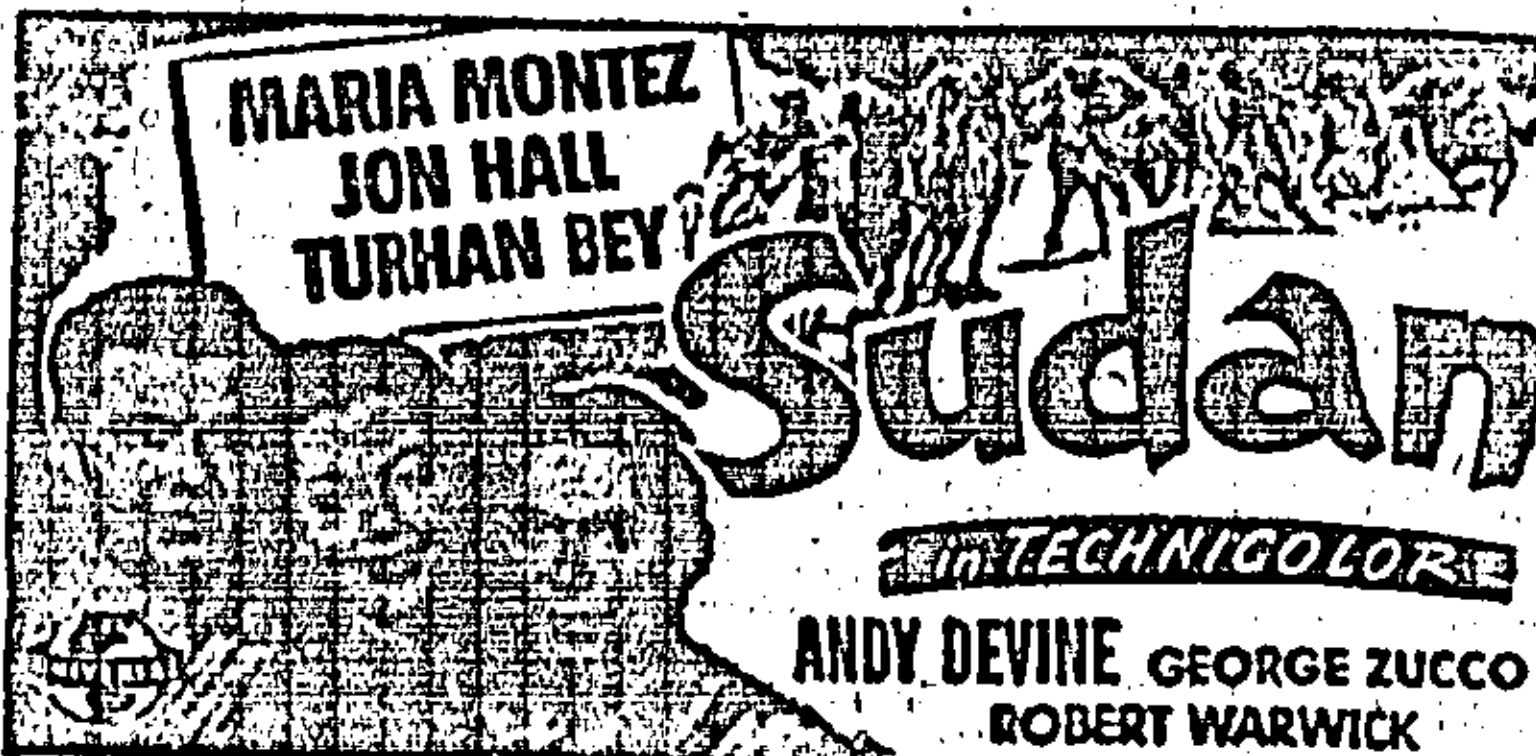
Henry Edwards, who plays Inspector Archer of the C. I. D. in "The My Life," has come to New York to play the King in Maurice Evans' new G. I. version of "Hamlet." He played the same role in the full-length version of "Hamlet" which ran in New York for three seasons from 1939 to 1940.

Headed by the Earl of Huntingdon, a party from the House of Lords lunched with J. Arthur Rank, the film tycoon, at Pinewood Studios recently. After lunch they were shown round the studios, and were introduced to co-stars, Greta Gunt and Hugh Williams. They also met Ronald Neame, the director. Included in the party were Admiral of the Fleet Lord Chatfield and Lord Winstler.

This is a might-have-been, and story with a happy ending—the not unfamiliar story of "the face on the cutting room floor." Blonde, glamorous June Elvin hit the headlines recently when Ealing Studios engaged her for the leading feminine role in "Hiss and Cry." It was a big opportunity for an film newcomer. But when the film is shown, June Elvin will not be seen in it after all. Michael Balcon gave her the part because she was the right girl for the role. But when the film went into production, the character was changed completely. June Elvin was no longer suitable for the role, and part went to Valerie White instead. The happy ending? Having been engaged for this film, the studio gates have been opened to her. Ealing have given her a long-term contract, and she will be seen on the screen for the first time in "Nicholas Nickleby."

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QUEEN'S

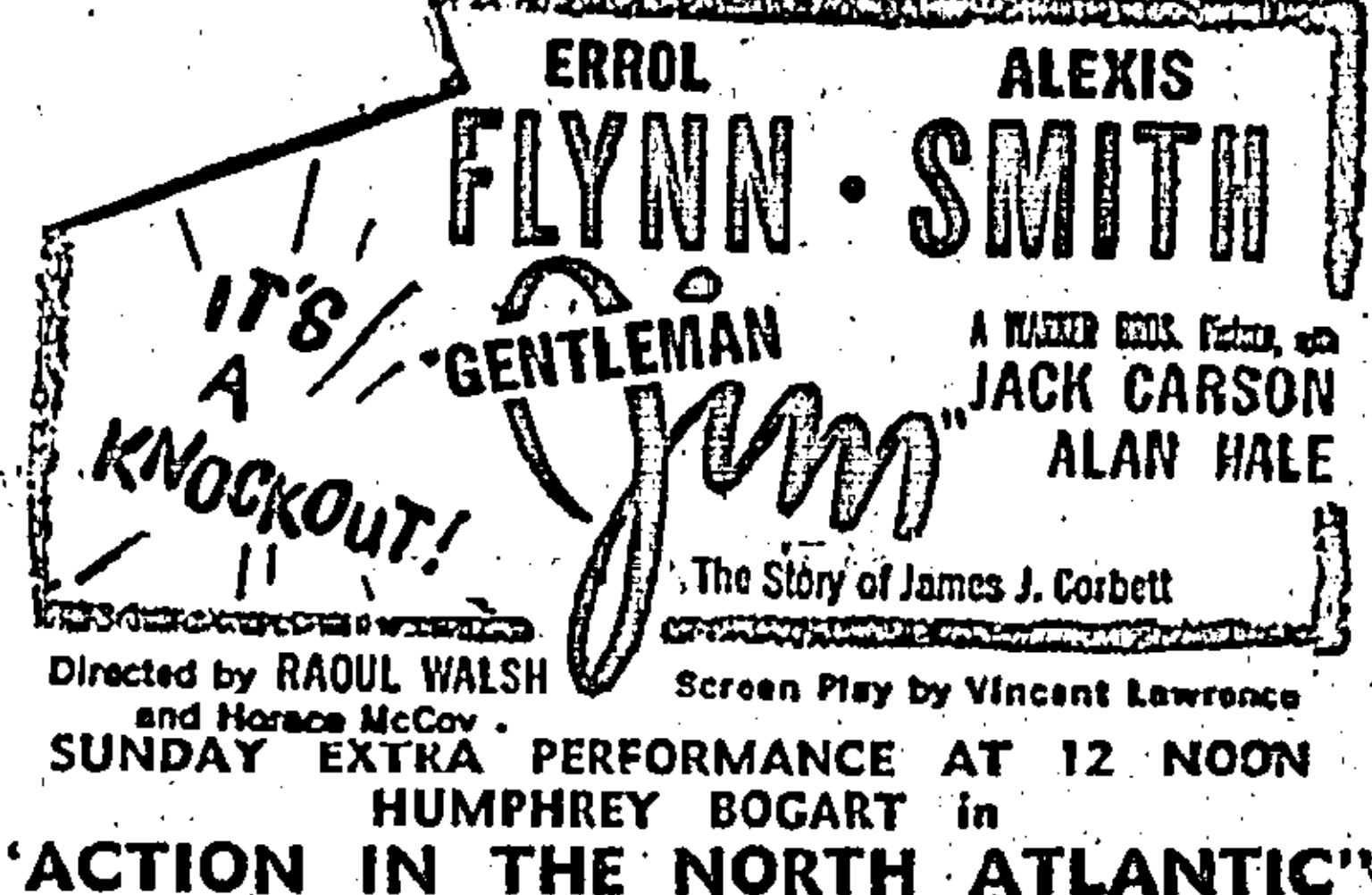
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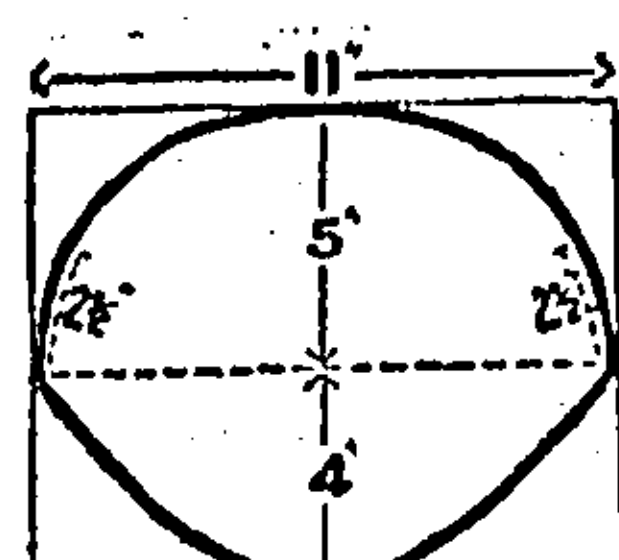
MAKE them from an 18-inch square of any warm material—tweed or felt or blanket. Line them with a contrast colour, or blind the edges. Cut them on the bias.

Cut lining and material from the same pattern. Stitch both together a quarter-inch in from edge with the exception of 2½ inches at each side (side seams) where marked on the diagram. Turn right side out through this opening and edge-stitch on right side, leaving side seams open.

Hand-stitch side seams of back between side seams of front and stitch together to join back to front part.

Stitch edge of upper to edge of lower sole, or make a platform sole from carpet felt as in the illustration, using bought sole as a pattern. Cut five or six or as many pairs as you like (not the very fluid kind). Stab-stitch the uppers to a pair of felt sole and stick with adhesive to prepared platform sole.

Put the boots on and plant up the fronts and the backs to fit. Stitch the pleats firmly together and cover the stitches with ribbon bows.



materials
18 ins. square of warm material.
18 ins. square of lining material.
1 yd. felt or 1 pair bought platform sole.
2 yds. of ribbon—of brightly coloured cotton (pre-war type).

"German women are ripe for change . . . they will be able to change their men too . . ."

A German Woman's Point of View

By Adelaide Kerr

"If German women could be changed, the whole world would be changed—and they are ripe for that change now," says Frau Gabrielle Strecker, the only German delegate to the International Assembly of women which met early this month in New York.

Dr Strecker is a physician of Bad Homburg and director of women's radio programme at the Frankfurt radio station. In both jobs she has wide contact with German women.

"German women were just as responsible as men for the rise of Hitler," she said. "They were not accustomed to independent thinking and they were easily influenced by propaganda. They loved the idea of military glory for their men."

THEY SUFFER

"Now, for the first time they have felt the destruction of war and suffered from it. They suffer more than men. The Nazi government took all responsibility from women—and now suddenly they have to take responsibility and think for themselves. The Nazis talked about the glorification of German mothers, but actually it degraded German women to production machines."

"Now they have to support the illegitimate babies they produced." "They were trained to be servants of men and were supported" she continued. "Now thousands have to earn their own living, but they are not trained for it. They were taught they belonged to the master race. Now they have to take any job they can get—scrubbing floors or anything. Can you imagine the psychological effect of all this?"

WAR A BAD THING

"Now German women are absolutely convinced war is a bad thing. For the first time, they think the German military machine was not

such a good thing. They are full of despair and distrust. They have no outlook for the future. They are like shipwrecked men. They are ripe for change."

"If they could be changed, the whole world would be changed. German women can influence their children in peaceful ways—teach them how terrible war is. German women will be able to change their men too—little by little."

"Besides, German women are more than half the population of Germany now. They are going into business and professional worlds again and they will return to politics. Their influence will be felt outside the home. The role of German women in the years ahead cannot be overestimated," she said.

EXHAUSTED

Dr Strecker took up the study of medicine after her marriage to Dr Josef Strecker, gynecologist, and the birth of her two sons. She received her degree from the University of Frankfurt in 1943 and practised until after the close of the war when, she says, American occupation authorities asked her to direct women's radio programme. "I never tell German women in plain words you are guilty," she said. "They are physically and morally exhausted and could not stand it. But I show them, by stories and talks, that they are the victims of what they did themselves."

As long as she talked of German women, Dr Strecker kept her eyes dry. But when she began to speak of the "kindness and friendliness she had met since she began her trip to the United States, she wept in spite of herself."

"I thought everyone here would point at me and sneer because I am a German," she said. "But, oh, what kindness and friendliness I met from the moment I started," she declared, recalling how Service people had given her food and money to help her on her trip.

"You live in a paradise here. You are so full of hope and optimism. If German women could see these American women—if they could see what democracy can give a woman in self confidence and self respect and better living, it would do more than all the talks on democracy you can make in years."

"You ask me whether I think the German people could and would be educated to democracy. I think they could. I do believe we can go a long way toward permanent peace through the German women."—Associated Press.

Minute Make-up
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Dry skin absorbs oil as a plant absorbs water! Pat on a foundation cream, use a cream rouge. Face powder should be patted on generously, then brush off the surplus. Your dry skin will take on a "velvet" finish. And use a pomade under your lipstick.

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"Speak when you're spoken to: Come when you're called; Shut the door after you; Do as you're told—"

HOW those priggish, ill-rhyming maxims used to arouse my childish ire; and my immediate reaction, had I dared, was to speak out of turn, come unbidden, slam the door and disobey.

Still, after the usual years of grueling training in the way to behave, some of the corners were rubbed off and I became a reasonably well-mannered individual.

Although fairly hardened to the spite of rudeness released by the war, I still wince when confronted with manifestations of postwar rudeness—the shoving, pushing, grabbing, the noisiness, the rude answers of these atomic, but otherwise retrogressive, days.

In England the wartime rudeness of greengrocers and fishmongers have become legends, together with the legendary rudeness of post office officials, and the wartime sneer of "Don't you know there's a war on?"

Girls Go Dancing!

How do young people to-day spend their leisure? What are their favourite forms of entertainment? These questions are of vital importance to anyone who has to deal with adolescents, and an attempt has been made to answer them.

A questionnaire sent out by the Research Committee of Britain's National Association of Girls' Clubs was answered by thousands of girls between the ages of 14 and 19. Girl in shops, offices and factories, still at school or living at home, gave their opinions. And here are some of the facts which have been collected.

DANCING.—Almost all the girls put dancing as one of their favourite activities. And not just ballroom dancing or swing. Country dancing, especially among the younger girls, got a high mark.

Among other interests are music, acting and painting. The radio is widely listened to, but chiefly for variety and entertainment rather than talks, straight plays or classical music.

WORK AT HOME.—Almost all the girls in every age group do work in the house. Cooking and looking after younger children are the two most popular "home" activities, washing and mending the least popular.

READING.—Membership of a library comes high in the list of interests and activities. Love and adventure stories take first place. Next

So, disillusioned with the manners of difficult days, I turn to the chivalrous legends of courtlier times.

I like to imagine the graceful gesture of Sir Walter Raleigh, as he whips off his rich velvet coat to save his adored Queen's royal feet a wetting in a large puddle.

Too extravagant a courtesy for these practical days, perhaps, but well-suited to a more colourful age.

How differently our present-day "movie fan" feels the stir of his choice—mobbed, almost stripped of her fine feathers, bruised and battered. The poor soul has to hire a bodyguard in protection against her adoring public!



Wett No Sir Walter Raleigh?

I like to think of the simple untutored courtesy of the countryman with his "Good mornin'" or "Good evenin'" to the passing stranger he meets in the lane.

And of the patient courtesy of the British "bobby" that has earned him the admiring bouquet from feminine tourists of "My, aren't you policemen swiftness!"

As life returns to normal, let us revive the good manners we are in such danger of losing. Let us train our children to show consideration and courtesy. Let us start a new age of civility. Let us re-nounce shoving, pushing and shouting. Away with the rude and ill-mannered, the boorish, the unkind! Let us behave.

come thrillers, travel, and "the newspaper."

FILMS.—Romantic films, crime films and cartoons are the chief favourites. It is the 14-year-olds who like romance. By the time they have reached 17, thriller films have moved to first place in the list.

BEAUTY ARTS

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Posed by Reno Browne for Lois Leeds.

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De You Worry? Penny Singleton thinks that worrying is hazardous to beauty. Pointing out that many complexion difficulties, as well as serious organic troubles, result from

mental pressure and fatigue, Penny's tip is—if you must worry, do not devote more than one hour a day to it! Close yourself in a room and begin by classifying your worries; the major ones, the minor ones and the in-between ones. Penny says that you will be surprised how even this analysis will minimise all of your worries.

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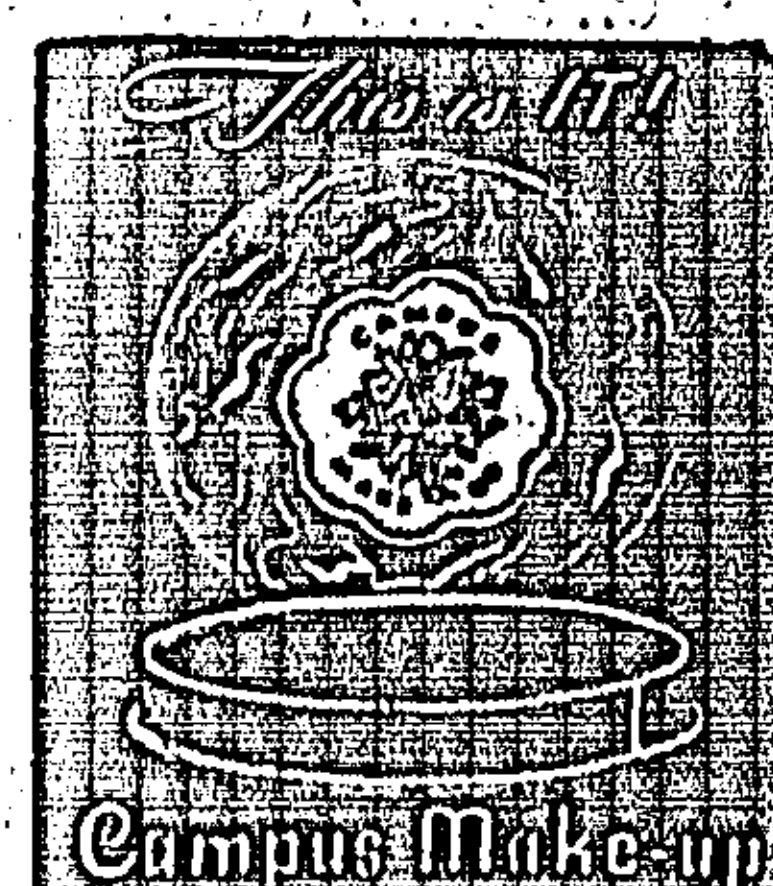
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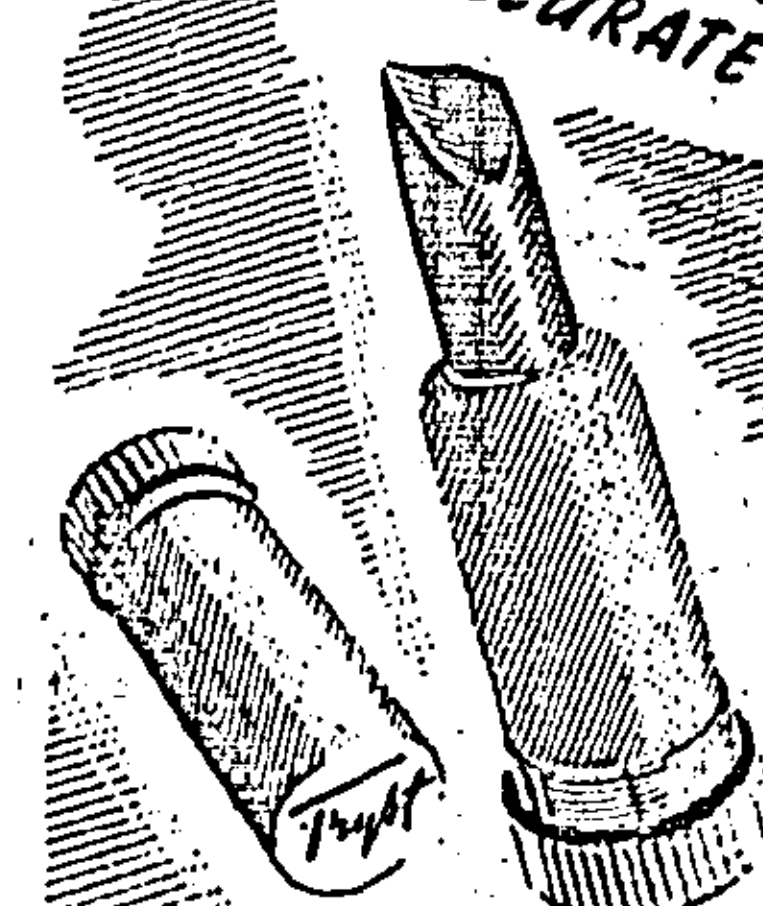
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Beauty standards set up at Atlantic City for the annual Miss America contest may be fine for that city, but Hollywood has its own system of choosing the beauties.

LeRoy Prinz, dance director, refused to be limited to figures when he chooses the girls.

Prinz had the enviable job of selecting eight girls for the film, "My Wild Irish Rose."

"I don't believe in this Atlantic City bathing beauty type of regimentation," he said. "It's ridiculous."

There's no such thing as one perfect figure. It's a matter of proportion. A girl with a big bone structure can carry a heavy body; the small-boned kids must have less flesh. That's all there is to it."

Standard weights and measures do not impress Prinz. Not even Venus de Milo.

"Venus was one in a million," he said, "But there have been a million since who were just as terrific."—Associated Press.

GLITTER IN HAIR STYLES

As a reaction, perhaps, to the unrelieved austerity forced on Britain's fashions during the war years, a restrained glitter seems to be becoming the vogue, with—on hair styles—are concerned—"trimmings" which recall the late Victorian era. Evening dresses, for instance, are sprinkled with sequins, dark afternoon frocks relieved by glittering buttons, day shoes have to match her dress, thereby intriguing all the fashion experts.

Hair styles, in fact, really demand something like this to-day for heavy plaits and coils are becoming the

vogue and these invite the kind of "trimming" which was so popular at the end of the 19th century and which gradually faded away until a generation with simpler tastes allied it, describing it as fussy. However, the present day appears to have its own definition of "fun," for the mannequins displaying new clothes in the "dresses" section often appear with such elaborations as paradise plumes and ostrich feathers in their hair.

This fashion, is relieved with appliques, and is probably the result of the revival of some of Oscar Wilde's plays, magnificently "dressed" by designers like Cecil Beaton, who have always known the value of elaboration. The trouble is, of course, that London in 1946, has offered very few occasions on which to wear such attractive affectations.

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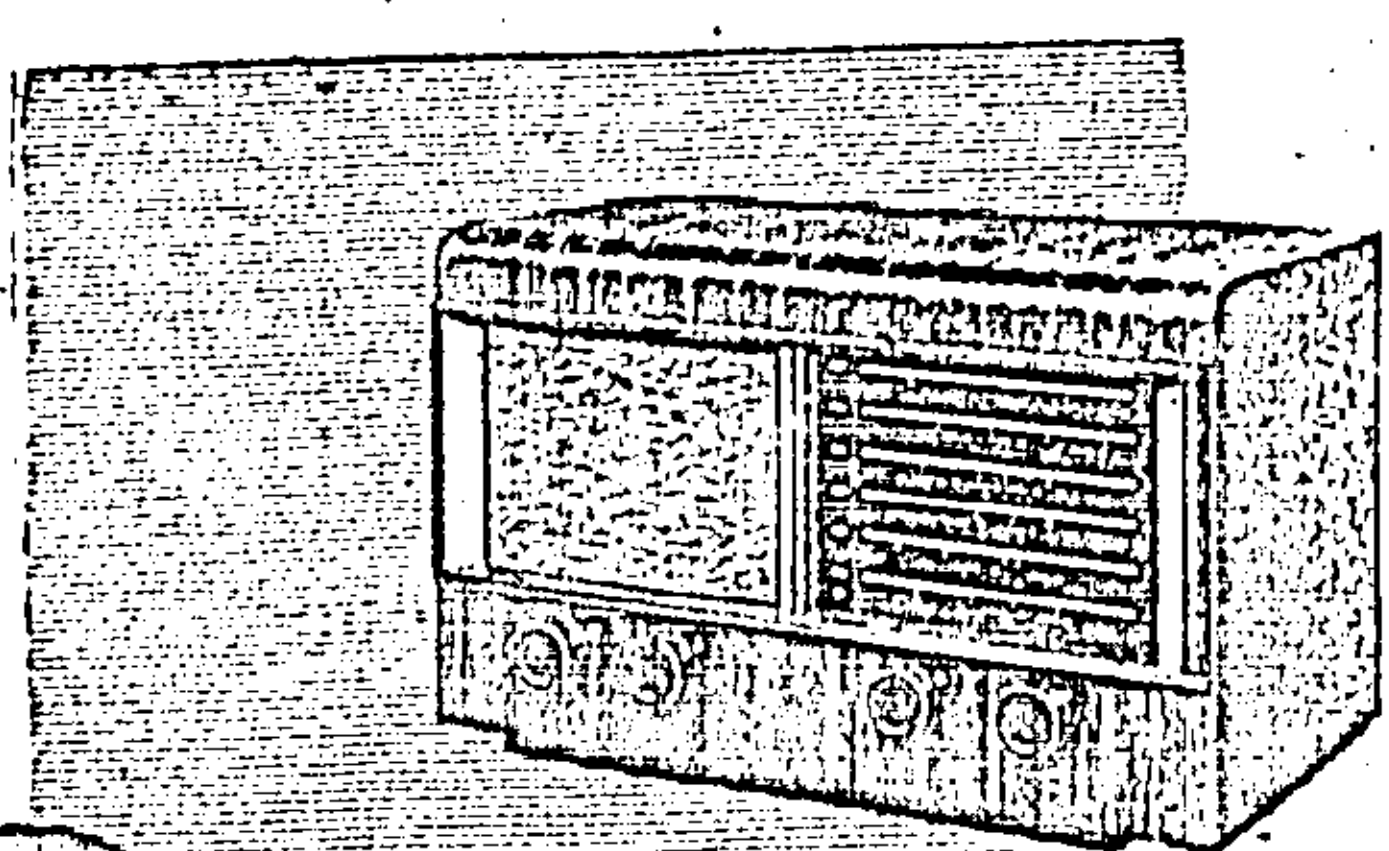
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BIG SALES AT NEWMARKET

Among the biggest sellers at the latest Newmarket sales of British bloodstock in December were Sir Malcolm McAlpine, who offered his three-year-old Croupier, the four-year-old Concentration, eight mares

and five fillies out of training, and Mr F. W. Dennis, with nine mares from his Haverholme Stud in Lincolnshire and six horses in training, including Hal o' the Wynd, a very useful two-year-old. Entries or confirmations are already being received from France for next season's flat races in Britain, among them M. Ferrand and Schwitz, who will run in the Ascot Gold Cup.

SPARE MOMENTS PAGE



NEW
BOOKS
by

JAMES AGATE

"Reading I've Liked." A Prose
Anthology Selected by Clifton
Fadiman.
(Hamish Hamilton, 15s.)

PERHAPS it is just as well that in a time when all the books one wants to read are out of print there should be books about books. All the same, 800 pages is a lot of paper.

And isn't anthologising rather an easy way of making money? Isn't it something akin to picking other people's brains? As the compiler of two anthologies I ought to know a bit about it.

WEEK-END WHIT

WHEN TO WORRY

A woman should not worry when her husband is seen with another woman. It's when they're not seen that she should begin to worry.

FIRST TIME ROUND

"Darling," he sighed, taking her hand in his, "do you remember when we met in the revolving door at the bank?"

"That wasn't the first time we met."

"Oh, no. But it was when we first started going round together, wasn't it?"

HIS WORRY

"My father-in-law is hot on my trail. He saw me dancing with a blonde."

"Is he out for your blood?"

"No—my blonde."

DISAPPOINTMENT

The old maid work her sister up in the middle of the night. "I think I can hear a mouse under the bed," she whispered.

"Aren't you afraid it's a man?"

"No, I'm afraid it's a mouse."

DO IT YOURSELF

The naval officer was sitting on the couch with his French girl friend in a draughty room.

"Je t'adore," he whispered softly.

"Don't be lazy. Shut it yourself," replied the mademoiselle.

LOST CONTROL

"Did you say you knew of a girl who lost her job because of stomach trouble?"

"Yes, she was an oriental dancer and lost control of it."

There's the wonderful love of a beautiful maid;
And the love of a staunch, true man;
And the love of a babe that's unafraid,
These exist since Time began;
But the acme of love,
The love of love,
Even greater than that of a mother,
Is the tender, infinite, passionate love,
Of one dead-drunk for another.

Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 5.

1. What should a footballer wear?
2. From which well-known songs do these extracts come—
(a) We've broad beans and onions.
(b) Have a banana.
3. What is a maiden horse?
4. What does the Tase Agency do?
5. If you had a bottle of mullage, would you—
(a) drink it?
(b) spread it on your salad?
(c) stick labels on a trunk with it?
(d) lubricate pistons with it.
6. What is (a) a maelstrom;
(b) marmite; (c) a marlinpike;
(d) a marabout?
7. Name of author, please—
(a) The Devil, having nothing else to do,
Went off to tempt my Lady Poltagrac.
My Lady, tempted by a private whim,
To his extreme annoyance,
tempted him.
8. Why is a sleepchase so called?
9. One of these societies is fictitious which?
(a) The James Mason Fan Club;
(b) The Decimal Association;
(c) The Anti-Insurance League;
(d) The Apostleship of the Sea.
10. A lobby old car to some times nicknamed Boanerges. Where does this name come from?

Well, here we are, all sorts of authors. Thomas Mann, John Dos Passos, Frank Moore Colby, Virginia Woolf, E. M. Forster, John Steinbeck, Jules Romains, A. E. Coppard, Max Beerbohm, Ernest Hemingway, and lots of others. Each section has a witty but not always wise introduction. About Mr Somerset Maugham Mr Fadiman writes—

"When he prepares tripe, he practically puts a label on it stating its high percentage of indigestion. I find this a virtue. It makes his work so much more agreeable than the novels, for example, of Mr Charles Morgan, which are not only tripe but are rendered doubly unpalatable by the fact that Mr Morgan doesn't seem to know it."

I dissent. Our Charles writes anything but tripe. If I were forced to use a culinary metaphor I should say not tripe but the funeral baked meats served up to the sorrowing relatives of a deceased duke. Mr Fadiman, having an eye for humour, likes Ring Lardner—

"For proof I suggest a re-reading of 'The Love Nest,' which I have selected as a typical Lardner story. Passion, sentiment, generosity, sympathy, and humour are barred leaving only the four components of comic-strip marital comedy: contentlessness, hen-pecking, gold-digging, and that peculiar, hopeless irony of the American male which for Lardner is his chief defence against the onslaughts of the female."

Here is a little bit of a story which places the characters in their exact social and educational environment—

"In this really such wonderful Bourbon? I think I'll just take a sip of it and see what it's like. It can't hurt me if it's so good. Do you think so Mr Bartlett?"

"I don't believe so."

"Well, then, I'm going to taste it, and if it hurts me it's your fault."

Celia poured a whiskey glass two-thirds full and drained it of a gulp.

"It is good, isn't it?" she said.

"Of course I'm not much of a judge, as I don't care for whiskey and I don't let me drink it. But he's raved about this Bourbon that I did want to see what it was like. You won't tell on me, will you, Mr Bartlett?"

"Not if I can help it."

"Wonder how it would be in a highball. Let's you and I just have one."

Don't we know the people who say: "Let's you and I go to the cinema?" I have a name for them. I call them the "Between you and I-ers." And these same people would never say, "Between I and the gatepost." Well, it's a rum, illiterate world and I suppose always will be. A good book, and plenty for the money. In the meantime, I have started an anthology entitled: "Reading I Haven't Liked."

"Every Good Deed," by Dorothy Whipple.
(John Murray, 5s.)

THIS is a charming quiet little tale whose opening, I find irresistible: "The Miss Tophams lived tranquilly at The Willows, a pleasant house left to them with an adequate income by their parents. Miss Susan took no part in public affairs. She managed the house and had a great admiration for Emily, her senior by two years, because she sat on committees. But then I have never read a word by Mrs Whipple that I did not find enchanting."

And I should like to pay tribute to an author who, having said in a hundred and two pages all she has to say, stops.

According To Culbertson

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An unlucky guess by a defender gave South his chance in to-day's deal.

North, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

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♥K64

♠QJ10832

♣AK7

WEST

♦82

♥82

♠K764

♣932

EAST

♦57

♥AJ109753

♠—

♣Q1066

SOUTH

♦AKQJ1055

♥Q

♠A9

♣J84

The bidding:

North 1 clam. East 3 hearts South 3 spades West Pass

West duly interpreted East's double as a call for a diamond lead, and East's ruff gave the defence a good start. East, however, was afraid to lay down the heart ace—South might ruff and later discard on the heart king—so he selected what

SCIENCE TRENDS:

BIGGER FRUIT

THE seed of a plant is made up of innumerable tiny cells. And inside each cell is a "nucleus." And inside each nucleus are "chromosomes," appearing under the microscope—as tiny rods.

These are the life study of Dr. C. D. Darlington, F.R.S. At Merton Park, near Wimbledon, he commands a research team whose work has changed the breeding of flowers and fruits from a traditional art to an exact science. Cyril Dean Darlington—son of a schoolmaster—became director of the famous John Innes Horticultural Institution at the age of 35. The John Innes team worked out the inter-plantings of cherries, plums, apples and pears that are now standard fruit-growing practice. Most of our cultivated fruit trees are self-sterile. An apple orchard with trees all of one variety—Cox's Orange Pippin, for example—would be a failure. The blossom must be fertilised by pollen from other breeds. A million pollination experiments by Darlington's workers have produced plans for mixed plantings that have increased yields by 20 per cent. The scientists have discovered that many garden fruits have more chromosomes than their wild ancestors—twice, three times, even eight times as many. This increase causes the new variety to be bigger and harder. Sometimes it can occur spontaneously.

Self-Fertile

In Essex not long ago, one branch of a pear tree began to bear bigger fruit than the rest. Examination showed that its cells had 68 chromosomes as against 34 in the rest of the tree. From that single branch a new giant variety of pear has been developed. This is only one of many instances. Nowadays the scientists do not wait for these changes to happen accidentally. They have developed artificial ways of affecting the chromosome content of the cells. By exposing the flower-buds of fruit trees to powerful X-rays changes occur in the chromosomes, and the old "self-sterile" varieties become "self-fertile." By breeding from these strains the research workers are producing trees that will set huge yields of fruit from their own pollen.

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Darlington's team believes our stocks of fruit trees will be radically changed within 20 years.

—CHAPMAN PINCHER.

Children's Corner

Conducted by Uncle Peter

WHY HAVE WE TWO EYES?

When you look at a scene, your eyes each see slightly different views which are mysteriously combined by the brain into one picture. This "double vision" enables us to see things in three dimensions—length, breadth and depth—instead of merely two dimensions like a common camera.

If you look at a bottle with your left eye closed, the label will show you that you see more of the right side of the bottle. When the right eye is shut, you see more of the left side. By using both eyes at once an impression of solidity is obtained.

A good illustration of this is to take two photographs of the same scene with a double camera, one having its lenses set apart like our eyes. Place the pictures side by side in apparatus which allows you to look at the left picture with the left eye, and the right picture with the right eye, and you will see the objects photographed standing out in relief.

FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN

ALEXANDER THE GREAT packed more into his 33 years of life than most men could pack into 300 years. The son of Philip of Macedonia, his military genius struck terror into the hearts of his foes. With stunning suddenness, his army would strike. And

Rupert and Ninky—1



"I'm getting tired of these shabby old flowered curtains," says Mrs. Bear one day. "Daddy has bought me this bright new cloth, so we'll have a change." She gets very busy and soon Rupert is helping her to take the old ones down and put up fresh ones. "This is grand," says the little bear. "It makes the room twice as bright." Then he is quiet and thoughtful for a moment. "Those old curtains all look good and strong," he says. "What are you going to do with them?"

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the battle was over before his enemies expected it to begin. Once, when advised to attack the Persian king at dark, so that his troops would not see the superior number of the Persians, Alexander replied: "I will not steal a victory."

His death was the result of a chill caught while swimming. He was born in 356 BC and died 323 BC.



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"I told Miss Jones the reason my homework was poor was because Dad always had the radio going, and now she wants to see him!"

Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE.

ACROSS

- 1—Scheme
- 2—Leap
- 3—Child's delight
- 4—Sweet potato
- 5—Diamond
- 6—Away from home
- 7—Peace agency
- 8—Feet
- 9—Operatic
- 10—Greasy letter
- 11—Bribe
- 12—Shady animal of China
- 13—Vessel
- 14—Over share
- 15—Equipment
- 16—Pain queen
- 17—Distress call
- 18—Diamond (abbr.)
- 19—In direction of

DOWN

- 1—Father and son
- 2—Lions' den
- 3—Put on
- 4—Weapon (slang)
- 5—Sweet potato
- 6—Diamond
- 7—Swallow quickly
- 8—Daring fool
- 9—Coddles of dawn
- 10—Beetle
- 11—Partial
- 12—Gambling game
- 13—Egyptian god of the sun
- 14—In the style
- 15—Russian city
- 16—Small boat
- 17—Twice
- 18—French article
- 19—Paradise

1—Part of the year

2—Tendinitis article

3—Pond

4—Hero of Lake Erie

5—Son of killed

6—Norwegian diplomat

7—Glimpse

8—Calf

9—Pronoun

10—Pin rabbit

11—Billard sticks

12—Whitewash

13—They woman

14—Point at

15—Imitation rose

16—Trouble

17—Todes

18—Clack

19—Cyber a try

20—What flower?

21—Male sheep

22—Dangle

23—Glass shape

24—Muck

25—Pair

26—Find answer to

27—Military cue

28—Tender duty

29—Book of Bible

30—Thru

31—After a storm

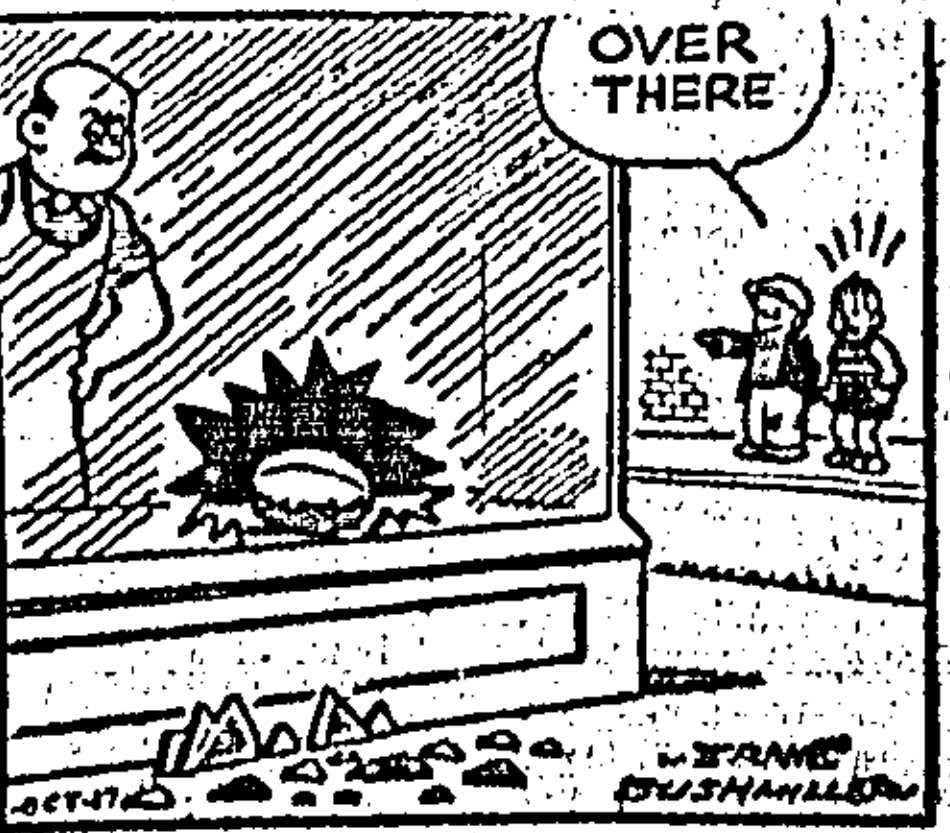
32—Bird in Siberia

33—Small bird

34—Strange article

35—Gold color (verb)

NANCY F.O.B. Window



By Ernie Bushmiller

Mr. Smith may float in space, 190 miles up

By
Chapman
Pincher.

PLANS for the world's first passenger rocket—a projectile which could take a man to a height of 190 miles, the distance from London to Liverpool, and bring him down safely—have just been completed. The altitude record so far—made in a balloon—is under 14 miles.

Designed by two technicians of the British Interplanetary Society, Mr R. A. Smith and Mr H. E. Ross, the plans are to be offered to the Government for consideration as an immediate possibility.

The Launching

If the design is accepted, Mr Smith, of High Wycombe, Bucks, 41 years old and married, will offer to pilot the rocket.

This is what he thinks will happen:—

Using a modified V2 motor and launched vertically, the rocket will leave the ground slowly, its speed controlled by the pilot sitting in a pressurised, insulated cabin.

The engine is designed to run for two minutes. It will cut out at a height of about 44 miles, with the rocket spinning and moving at nearly 4,700 m.p.h.

Compressed air will then blow the pressure cabin away from the main body of rocket. The nose-fairing,

which protects the cabin from the heat of air friction, will also be jettisoned.

The rocket body will descend on a huge parachute. The pilot's cabin, carrying on alone, will eventually reach a height of 190 miles.

Once the rocket motor ceases thrusting, the pilot will experience "weightless conditions." He will not press down on his seat, but tend to float helplessly in his cabin.

If he smokes a cigarette, the smoke will go wherever he puffs it. It will not rise or fall. A glass of water released in the air will stay there. If the pilot pulls the glass downwards, the water will take on a spherical shape and float like a crystal ball.

There is no doubt that the pilot will get a "space sickness" worse than anything experienced in air or sea travel. He will relay his reactions to earth by radio. The pilot could probably stand no-gravity conditions for a few seconds only, the cabin is designed so that he can turn on gravity at will.

A series of jet motors fitted in the circumference will spin the cabin when a button is pressed. The spinning or "centrifugal force" produced will act like a weak artificial gravity.

The pilot will have seven minutes in which to carry out the tests. By the end of that time he will be falling so fast that the feeling of weight will be restored.

A parachute fitted to the top of the cabin and filled by compressed air will then gradually reduce his speed.

The Climax

PORT-HOLES are included in the cabin design. But the sunlight at heights above 100 miles is so strong that anti-glare screens will have to be fitted.

At the climax of the flight it should be possible to see places 2,600 miles apart. If launched over London he will have in his range of vision Iceland, the Pripiet Marshes in Russia, the Atlas Mountains of Africa and the Azores.

Instead of a blue sky above he will see a dazzling white sun shining in jet-black space.

The cabin is planned to settle on an even keel fitted with a metal skirt built like a concertina to take the shock of landing. Should it fall accidentally in the sea it will float, and a marker beacon signal its position.

COMMENT

By

"Candidus"

THE Anthony Brooke episode has brought into motion a train of thought which is somewhat disquieting, striking, as it does, at one of the most jealously guarded ideals of democracy, as Britons understand the term. Freedom of expression and opinion is the foundation upon which British government is established.

It must, of course, be emphasised that the right of free expression cannot include those whose subversive activities are calculated to undermine established law and order.

In the case of Brooke, however, there can be no doubt concerning his loyalty to the Crown and Empire, and yet he was asked to "give an assurance in writing that he would refrain from making a statement orally or in writing, or indulging in any activity relative to the status of Sarawak or the question of the cessation."

When it is remembered that, for a century, this relatively unknown little country has happily curbed under British rule introduced by a private individual, has been successfully administered by a succession of Brookes, one naturally supposes that the people and their rulers understood each other, enjoying mutual trust and respect.

Admitting that the time may have arrived when the country should be placed under official British administration, always assuming that it is the wish of the majority, it surely would have been a wise and statesmanlike gesture to seek the advice of those who thoroughly understand the country and whose advice would undoubtedly be valued by the subjects concerned.

It is not a question of the sovereignty of British rule; rather is it a question of what is the best and most popular manner in which to continue British rule in the light of present day conditions and requirements.

If the people themselves are apprehensive as to their future under a plan they do not understand, it would surely be wise to wean them from their uncertainty by diplomatic and acceptable conditions. It is in this respect that one wonders why the Brooke regime was not invited to advise and possibly undertake a mediatory role.

SOME months ago, the Labour Government showed signs that it was not satisfied with the British press, and there was some talk of a Commission being established to delve into the control and ownership of certain newspapers. That in itself was a dangerous suggestion, and the Labour Party has only itself to blame if the man-in-the-street, became suspicious that something in the nature of muzzling was afoot. Would Labour Party organs be included in the investigations?

Fortunately, Hongkong, in common with many other British spheres of influence, cares little for politics. It doesn't matter what creed or party holds the reins so long as British ideals are upheld, but any form of muzzling the individual or the press must be opposed tooth and nail.

We look to the British Government as represented by the Colonial Office to do all in its power to foster friendly relations and to make every effort to understand and meet the lawful and reasonable wishes of every race within the Empire.

The Anthony Brooke episode may well become a cause celebre. The fact that those who sought to restrict the movements of a British subject seemingly on internal political grounds have apparently realised the blunder and climbed down, is beside the point. There is no evidence to show that Brooke's presence amongst a people he knows so well would have caused disunion on the contrary, it might well be expected to clarify whatever uneasiness may be felt by the people of Sarawak. A little more compromise, a little more friendly discussion, on the part of official circles would have avoided unpleasantness which has received such extensive worldwide publicity.

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HOW I KEEP SANE

By James Cameron

ONE of the things that help to keep me moderately calm and serene is such an unimportant as this, in an evening paper:—

You can now buy a Talking Cigarette Box, in plastic, for 27s. 6d. When you open the lid it says, "Have a cigarette!"

I should say that was an excellent example of the honest, straightforward, debonair imbecility that makes life to-day an affair of such enchanting surprises. One cannot buy cigarettes, but one can buy a talking cigarette box. Nobody can afford to go around with an empty cigarette box that does not talk. When opened it must say—one supposes with an ironic laugh—"Have a cigarette!"

After that nobody need be told that we live in a streamlined age.

I AM not going to rub it in by saying this is a crazy world. I would say, however, that the one way to keep truly sane right now is to look bedlam straight in the eye and say: "What a fortunate generation is this that may buy have-a-cigarette boxes but nothing to put in them; that for the first time for six years is given the opportunity to buy a number of ingenious and expensive electrical gadgets at the same time as it is exhorted to save electricity."

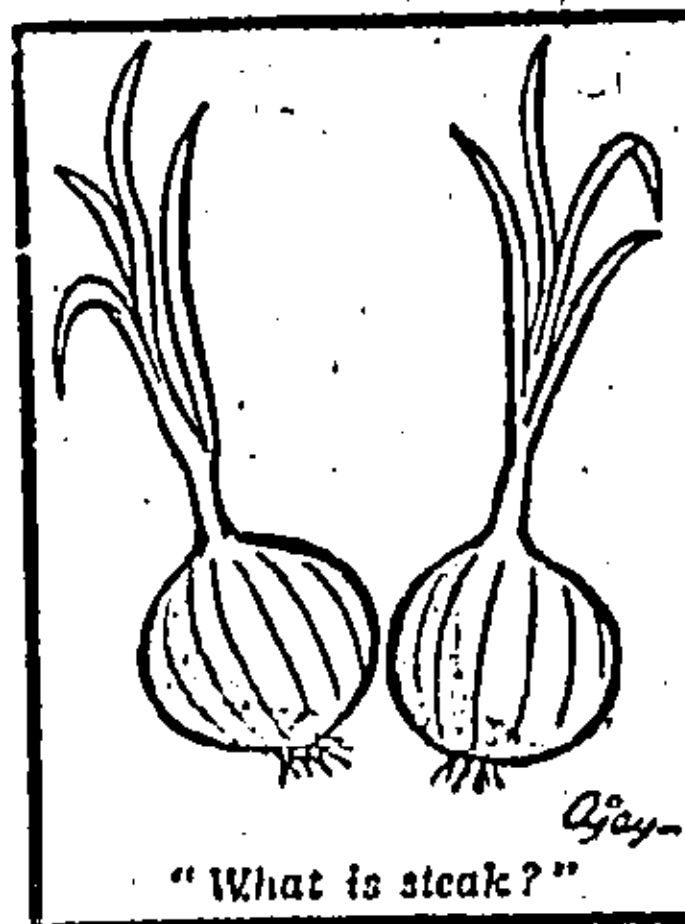
Many a better man than I has found that the true equation of life is in paradox. This is Number One Run. If one goes about looking for sense to-day one eventually ends up chewing the wallpaper. If you are prepared to skim around the lunatic fringe, among the talking cigarette boxes and utility champagne ice-buckets, then the thing becomes very nearly good fun.

LISTEN to this:—A friend of mine has just bought a car—a new car, very up to date and glossy and good. He got delivery of it. It cost him £550.

He sold his old one just before. It was six years old, very bashed and used-up. I asked him what he got for it, and he said £760. As he told me he never batted an eyelid, I seemed to me, but I can't for the life of me imagine why.

Don't let these things get you down. Think of the talking cigarette box, and be thankful you live in a civilised age.

POCKET CARTOON



ANSWERS

(Questions on Page 4)

1. At the start of a game it should not weigh more than 16 ounces or less than 14. 2. (a) Yes, we have no bananas; (b) Let's all go down the Strand; 3. One which has never won a race other than a private sweepstake; 4. A Moscow news agency; 5. Stick labels on a trunk with it; 6. (a) a whirpool; (b) a grass that grows on the seashore and binds sand; (c) a tool for separating strands of rope in splicing; (d) a West African stork; 7. Hilaire Belloc; 8. Because formerly hunting parties agreed to race home from hunt, naming the village church and the steeple as a guide; 9. The Anti-Insurance League; 10. It means "Sons of Thunder" and is used in the Bible (Mark III, 17) to refer to James and John, both noisy orators.

AFTER DARK—on Broadway

By EVELYN WEBBER

The post-war boom is on along Broadway. Every theatre on New York's glittering, fabulous Great White Way is jammed, and producers are frantic to find a vacant stage.

Old favourites, new hits, stage versions of novels, musical shows, classics—anything is an immediate sell-out.

New Yorkers are paying their penny and talking their choice of dozens of productions featuring stage or screen stars. Many of the shows were performed in London some seasons ago, but there are new ones, too. Many names glittering over Broadway in 1941, neon lights are British, and so are many of the authors.

Lady Windermere

Elisabeth Bergner is in "The Duchess of Malfi." Across the street are Cecil De Mille and his gorgeous settings and costumes for "Lady Windermere's Fan." Penelope Dudley Ward is Lady Windermere.

There is a new Anita Loos play, with Helen Hayes. And Leonora Corbett stars in "Park Avenue," a musical comedy by Nunnally Johnson and George S. Kaufman. Basil Rathbone, Katharine Cornell and Ralph Bellamy, in separate plays, are drawing crowds in.

But the most spectacular sight of the still young season are the crowds stampeding out of the Martin Beck Theatre during the one interval of Eugene O'Neill's mammoth play, "The Iceman Cometh."

The play takes four hours and fifteen minutes. And the people seek food because they have been in the theatre since 6.30 in the afternoon, and the final curtain does not fall until 11 p.m.

Tickets worth £75,000 for the play were sold before it opened. The new generation of playgoers which has grown up since O'Neill's "retirement" from Broadway in 1934, have waited eagerly for "The Iceman Cometh." They are not disappointed.

Syngé and Barry

The theme is morbid—derelict men and women talking of their illusions while awaiting the coming of Death as the "Iceman." But the play is hailed as completely confirming O'Neill's reputation.

Among revivals, J. M. Synge's 40-year-old "Playboy of the Western World" is the latest. It turns up as the freshest of folk plays, with its satire exhilarating after tired Broadway wisecracks.

"Show Boat" goes on and on, frequently changing its cast. "Terence Rattigan's 'Love in Idleness,' with Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontanne, is as successful under its new title of 'O Mistress Mine' as it was in London. Heavy advance sales have been reported for Barrie's 'What Every Woman Knows.'

Bad manners

Broadway first nights are still an exhibition of bad manners, which continue to infuriate producers and stars. Most of the audience arrives late after glittering pre-theatre parties and late after glittering pre-theatre parties and late after glittering pre-theatre parties.

The opening of Noel Coward's "Present Laughter" attracted a brilliant audience. But they had the usual "first-night fever," and they did not like the play. Critics were unusually bitter, calling it "Past Laughter" and "No Laughter."

The New York Times critic Brooks Atkinson, called it "one of Noel Coward's unworthiest efforts." William Hawkins, in the New York World-Telegram, commented sourly that "Coward undoubtedly wanted to do this comedy for his depressed country in a hurry."

ONE of the few men I know who really live according to his religious beliefs is Lieut-General Sir WILLIAM DOBBIE, "Dobbie of Malta," a Christian who has inspired thousands by personal example and faith. He is a Plymouth Brother.

He helped me to understand why HILDA BROWN, cook at a Falmouth hospital, preferred the sick to being forced to join a trade union; why WILLIAM CLARK, employed at a London power station, stands by his refusal to join, even though his fellow workers threaten to strike and disorganise London's Underground. Both non-unionists are Plymouth Brethren.

Adherents of that faith believe firmly in freedom of conscience. They are not forbidden by their creed to join unions, but a Plymouth Brother must make his own decision on his own conscience and guided by his conscience, do what he (or she) thinks is right.

It is not joining the union which restricts freedom of conscience. It is being forced to do so.

ELSEWHERE I learned about the moral standards which the Plymouth Brethren set themselves. There are many things they do not do. I Corinthians V, 11, lists conduct which they consider sin—covetousness, rivalry or unbelief, pro-

WILLIAM HICKEY

PLYMOUTH ROCK

fligey, extortion and drunkenness. For such conduct a member would be expelled from the Brotherhood.

Actually their standards go further than this, they regard as "unprofitable" any activity which may lead to temptation to commit such-gory. Dancing comes in this category; certain occupations, such as brewing or liquor-trading, would be considered unprofitable.

Some Plymouth Brethren, including Clark of the power station, were conscientious objectors during the war, others, like Dobbie, fought bravely. They must decide individually.

The Brethren rarely meddle in politics and few of them vote.

Founded more than 100 years ago, the sect has no ministers and no hierarchy. Membership in this country is thought to be round about 50,000, but they believe so little in organising that no one is really sure.

IN the Law Courts Professor HAROLD LASKE talked about a microphone, pronouncing with a short "w" as in "wick."

His counsel, Sir VALENTINE HOLMES, got as far as microphone, with a long "mike," then corrected himself smartly and took a lesson from the professor. And "mick" it was throughout the day's hearing.

POOR Mr Morrison is in trouble again. This time it is his overcoat. The editor of the Tailor and Cutter doesn't like it and states pointedly "we are very disappointed in Mr HERBERT MORRISON."

The overcoat is not a very pleasant sight and obviously a good pressing would do it all the world of good. The edges of the collar and lapels are all alive and the fitting at the neck is not good. Another fault in the overcoat seems to be in the front—where the overcoat is too small. And why is the distinguished Lord President so careless with his buttons and flaps?

GIVING evidence before the Royal Commission on "J.P.s," Lord SIMON recalled that he sat on a similar commission in 1907, and suggested that it "seems to have been a good training ground for future Home Secretaries."

There were three: Lord BRIDGE-MAN, ARTHUR HENDERSON and himself.

Record is likely to stand.

INFORMATION culled from a 1947 Year Book by reader, DAN M. FISHER—

"Deaths must be notified personally within five days."

ATOMIC FISSION MAY BE MOST POTENT HEALER

Atomic fission may ultimately solve a riddle that has hitherto baffled medical science. When fission takes place, as at Bikini, independent objects surrounding the area, including the air itself, become temporarily radioactive. By mixing a minute quantity of radioactive material to our food, therefore, it can be given this quality temporarily. Thus it becomes possible for the medical observer to follow the progress of these tracer elements as they are called, from the digestive organs, into the blood and so to their final destination in bones, nerves or flesh.

Lord Moran, President of the Royal College of Physicians, writing in "The Practitioner," puts it in a nutshell: "Before the splitting of the atom we knew that phosphorous was present in bones, brain, glands and liver, but we could not follow its path. Now we can take radioactive phosphorous, and its path in the body is revealed by detecting the radiations from it, just as a burglar may be betrayed by his finger prints on the furniture or windows."

The influence of this new avenue of research on the indirect treatment of disease is for the future, but much of the direct value of radioactive materials is already known.

Three kinds of rays are emitted by radioactive material: alpha (X)-rays, positively charged protons or particles which emanate from the nucleus or centre of an atom; beta rays, which are the negatively charged

electrons; and gamma rays, the waves set up in the ether by the discharge of electrons from the atom.

It is the Gamma, or hard ray, that are chiefly used in Medicine, because of their selective action on healthy and diseased cells. All the world knows of the triumphs of healing performed by these rays, emitted by Radium B.

One development of their use in connection with the new radioactive substances in the direct treatment of disease was pointed out by Lord Moran recently when he stated that a cup of radioactive phosphorous taken once a week, may replace the application of X-rays to the spleen.

Though it will not take the place of X-rays for certain work, the increased quantities of radioactive material will greatly accelerate the progress of medical research in solving the secrets of the human body. It is possible that from being the greatest destructive power ever known, atomic fission may become mankind's most potent healer.

SPORTS FEATURES

ANOTHER TITANIC STRUGGLE PROMISED IN SENIOR SHIELD REPLAY

CHINESE AMATEURS AND ST. JOSEPH'S TO MEET TO-DAY

(By See Tee)

TO-DAY'S RE-PLAY OF THE SENIOR SHIELD TIE BETWEEN THE CHINESE AMATEUR SPORTING CLUB (THE AMATEURS) AND ST. JOSEPH'S PROMISES TO BE ANOTHER TITANIC STRUGGLE. THE AMATEURS HOPE TO BE AT FULL STRENGTH AGAIN AFTER LAST SUNDAY'S GREAT GAME WITH SING TAO, WHILE ST. JOSEPH'S EXPECT TO FIELD THEIR MACAO PLAYERS.

The first meeting of these clubs in the shield competition took place on Saturday, November 23. Shield games are of ninety minutes' duration, but even after that term plus ten minutes each way there was still nothing in it. At half time the Saints held a 2-1 lead and looked likely winners, but the tide swung right round. Even so both sides had shocks of the first magnitude. The Amateurs scored from a penalty kick early in second half, but almost at once Ho, their right back, turned the ball past his own goalkeeper. In the last few minutes of extra time the Chinese were awarded another spot kick which they failed to convert.

The story of David and Goliath, no matter how often re-told, is always stirring. Last Sunday afternoon on the Club's ground the gallant Chinese Amateur Sporting Club set out to lower the colours of the redoubtable Sing Tao. Except that 1/5 Commando fought at top speed from first to last and emerged victors, there was much in last Sunday's encounter which brought to mind the classic game between the Commandos and Sing Tao.

Within a few minutes of the kick-off the Amateurs were on the ball like tigers—their enthusiasm was irresistible and, although Sing Tao adopted the wise policy of trying to play their usual game in the face of unorthodox tactics, it was at once clear that they were rattled.

Anything could have happened during the first ten minutes, almost every kick of the ball was greeted with thunderous roars from a crowd wild with excitement. There were breathless thrills at both ends. Yu, the Amateurs' goal-keeper, crouching like a tiger, was ready for anything.

Not Discouraged

Many teams would have been discouraged by losing the first goal. Not the Amateurs. Rather was it the signal for a storming attack which, within three minutes, had levelled the scores. The rest of the first half was fought out at break-neck speed. Sing Tao's defence was shaken to the foundations by the Amateurs' whirlwind raids. It is a long while since one saw Hau, Sing Tao's right-back, mis-kicking and glad to find touch even at the expense of a corner kick.

But it was not to be CASC's lucky day. In closing the toss their defence was much tried by strong sunshine which had dropped behind the hill soon after the cross-over. The penalty kick awarded in the last few seconds of the first half was the second disaster (Lee Fat's injury was the first) and Sing Tao's very clever goal scored within 25 seconds of the re-start was the last straw. Hard lines, Amateurs! Your great first half struggle will long be remembered. During 35 minutes you took part in one of the best exhibitions for many a day.

Lai Shui-wing, Sing Tao's inside-left, was again the outstanding player. He never stopped working the ball, weaving and fencing in an attempt to find a chink in the Amateurs' armour. It was he who drew the defence and then found Fung King-cheung with a perfect pass which enabled the inside-right to score the first goal. During the fiercer raids by CASC he dropped back to help the defence with many well placed clearances. His judicious use of his weight against slighter opponents was another pleasing aspect of his play.

44 Commando had a rude shock in their game with Kwong Wah on Sunday. Two quick goals by the Chinese did not dismay the Commandos however; they went to it hammer and tongs and the final score of four goals all was generally a fair result. Murrell, playing at inside-left had a good outing for the Commandos. In addition to heading a clever goal he was fetching and carrying the ball with untiring energy.

South China's defeat of 45 Commando at Causeway Bay last Saturday was a triumph for first-class tactics. Cannon-ball volleying produced three goals for the Chinese against which few defences could hope to find effective counter measures. Tan Kam-ho, South China's right wingman, scored two of these first-time points. It was probably because he was unmarked (the play being concentrated on the opposite wing) that he was able to connect so accurately. His first goal was from an over-shot left-wing centre (he hit this one on the run) and

his second from a corner kick from the opposite flag which also over-whelmed the crowd in the goalmouth. Far from being tried in this fashion Wong, South China's custodian, had few effective shots at goal to handle. Twice the ball came in sharply, but it was a fullback who cleared on each occasion.

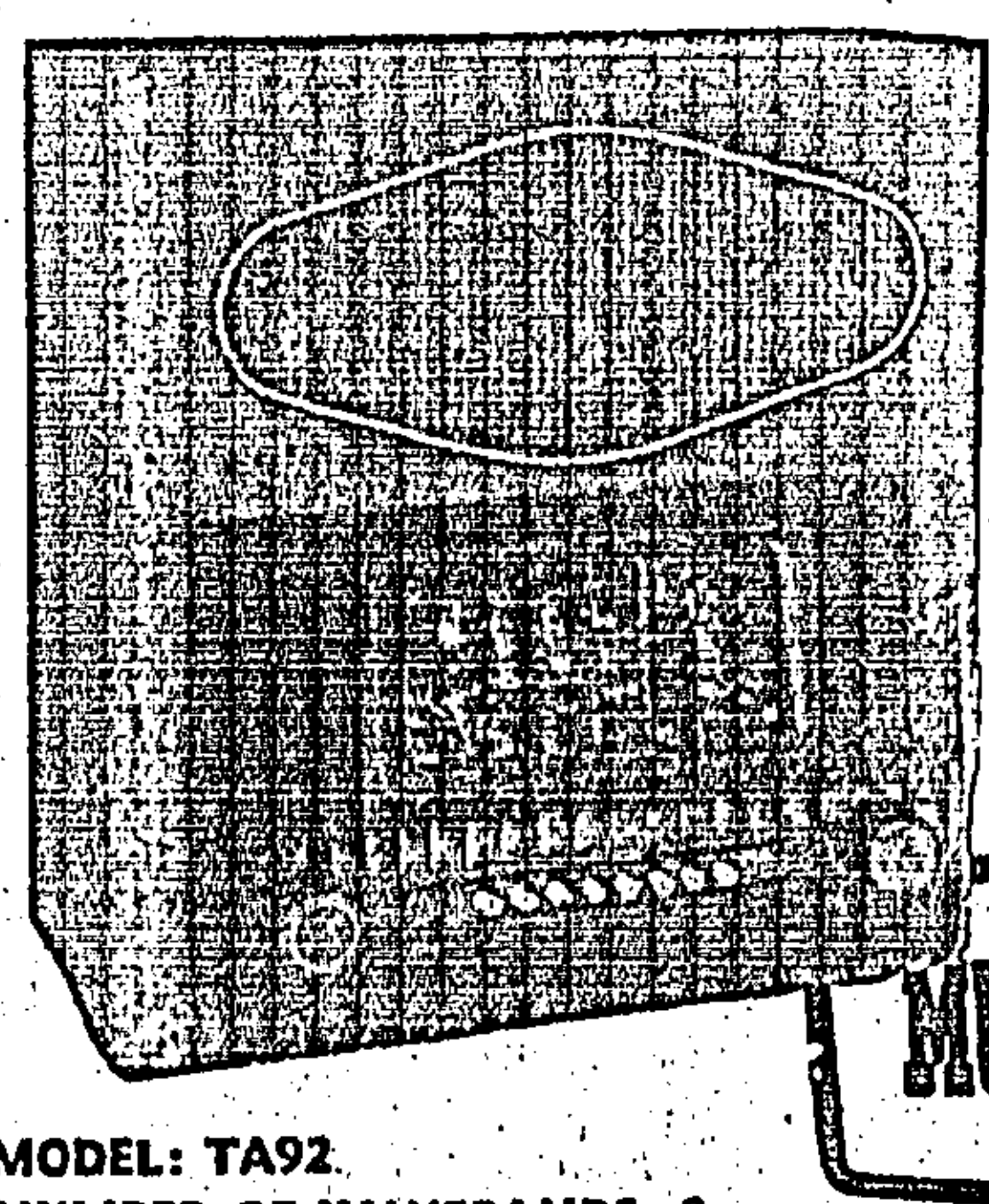
The Laws of the Game

Offside

I wonder how many spectators and players could correctly answer the question "When is a player offside?" There was ample evidence during the Club v RAF match last Saturday of the danger of a little learning. This widespread misunderstanding of the offside law is all the more surprising when it is considered how very simple it is. Most Chinese players (forwards in particular) are very alive to offside and have shown a fine understanding of the law. I have yet to see a local Chinese club exploiting an "offside trap."

Such a "trap" often ensnares the wrong prey for it is usually set far too late. It is the defender who thinks he can put an opponent off-side simply by waiting a few yards upfield while the ball is coming towards him who is courting disaster. The referee and the linesmen (especially in all local first division games

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WEEK-END SPORTS

TO-DAY SOCCER

Challenge Shield Competition
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Navy—St. Joseph's v. CASC, 4 p.m.

First Division

Soekunpoo—45 RM Commando, v. R.A.F., 4 p.m.
Club—Club v. Sing Tao, 4 p.m.
Navy—Navy v. 44 RM Commando, 2.30 p.m.

Second Division

Caroline Hill—Signals v. 387 Coy. R.A.S.C., 2.30 p.m.
St. Joseph's—Kit Che v. Police, 4 p.m.
St. Joseph's—HQ Land Forces v. Dockyard, 2.30 p.m.
Chatham Road—CASC v. 44 RM Commando, 4 p.m.
Club—Sing Tao v. Travancore, 2.30 p.m.

RUGBY

Soekunpoo—Navy "A" v. Club A, 3 p.m.; 3 Cdo. Bde. v. West of Colony, 4 p.m.

YACHTING

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Regatta.

TO-MORROW SOCCER

First Division
Navy—South China v. Eastern, 4 p.m.

Second Division

Navy—South China v. Kwong Wah, 2.30 p.m.

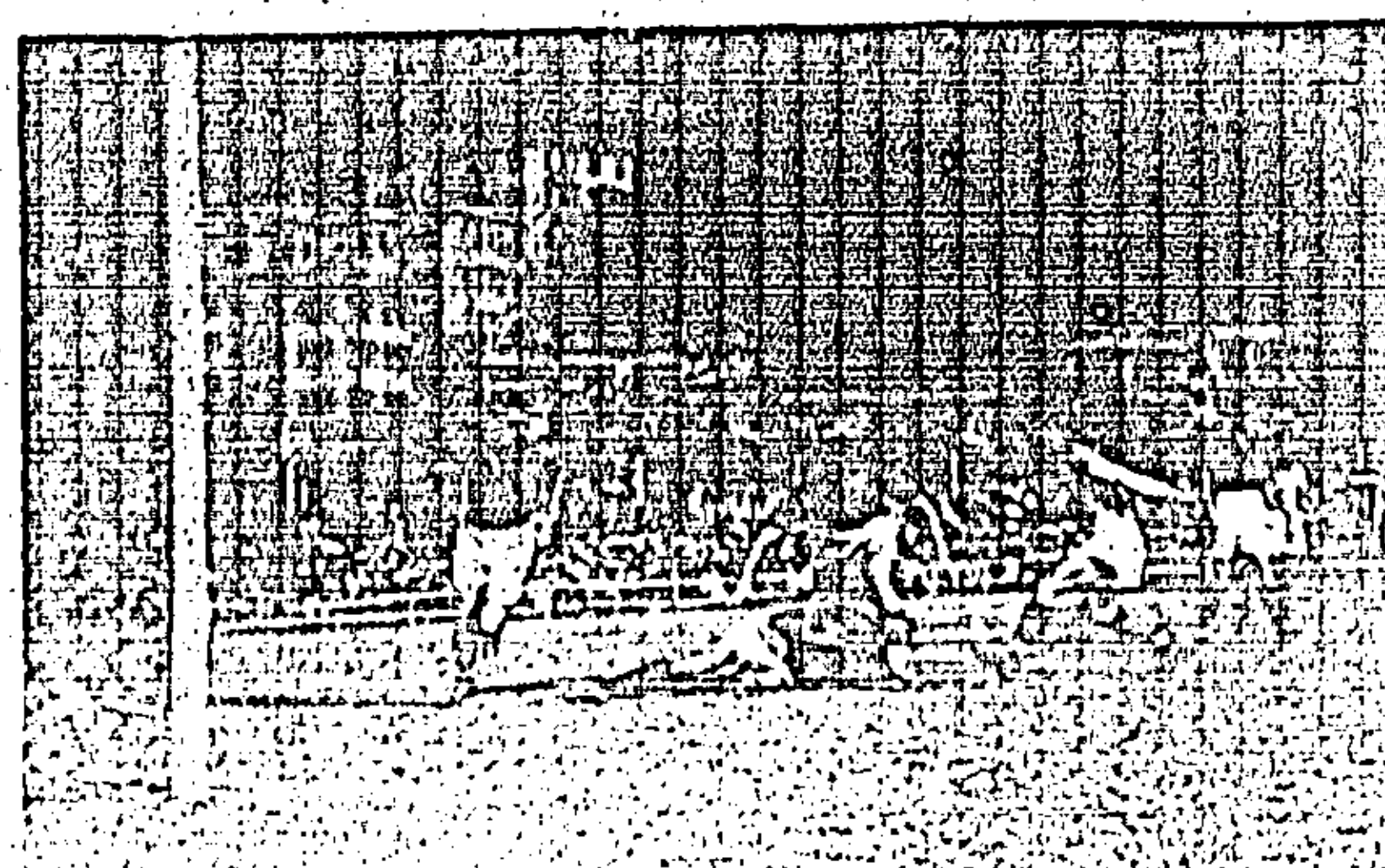
FASTBALL

Club de Recreo—Rovers v. Chung Hua, 10.30 a.m.
Hwa, Canadians v. Giants, 10.30 a.m.
Baseballers v. Hotshots, 2 p.m.
Saints v. Recreo, 2 p.m.

YACHTING

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Regatta.

In which qualified referees are employed as neutral linesmen know the law. They know too that the forward who places himself in line with a defender has only a part of the knowledge of the requirements of the law to work upon. It is a great pity that there is so much misunderstanding of this simple law. Next week I hope to enlarge on the principal points of offside.



A gallant save by the 45 Commando goalkeeper in the match last Saturday between South China and the 45 Commando on the Navy Ground, the Chinese winning 4-0.—Golden Studio.

SOCCKER CHATTER

FA REVERSES DECISION ON SUBSTITUTES

By Archie Quick

SUBSTITUTES in football, so long frowned upon by the Football Association, has the support now of the Football Association of all people. After the Reading match between an FA eleven, which in effect was England's shadow 2nd XI against RAF, FA Secretary Stanley Rous told me that at the next meeting of FIFA, the International Federation England will propose that in all representative matches, except full internationals, substitutes be allowed for first half injuries.

Well slap me down with a football coupon. The FA will be accepting pools money next. When Mosley Derby County full back was hurt in the Reading match twenty minutes after the start, twelfth man was allowed to substitute. He happened to be Norman Bowden, Arsenal's third team centre-forward. And Willie Liddell of Liverpool, Scotland's winger and RAF captain filled four positions during the game—outside-left, outside-right, right-half and left-back. The game, as a trial was a bit farcical.

But it did confirm what I told you a week or so ago—that the pair of Sheffield backs (Shimwell, United, and Swift Wednesday) are future England defenders. Galley and Johnson of Wolves and Blackpool respectively are ready for international duty and I would not hesitate to play Hancock instead of Langton in the national eleven at outside-left. He is another Fanny Walden.

The match also revealed that Kippax (Burnley) and Edleston (Reading) can be England's left-wing when the Amateur Associationals are revived later this season.

Manager Leslie Knighton of Shrewsbury Town, also had a fine amateur goalkeeper in this match named Stretton. Jimmy Hagan, too, was back to the form that made him a member of England's classic wartime eleven.

The match, however, was a magnet for those harassed managers who spend their time these days touring the country with a cheque book and an incurable optimism. There was Jack Tim of Portsmouth recently looking for an outside-left and grumbling about Crystal Palace. He told me that Palace Chairman Percy Harper had written saying he intended playing Cup Final Captain Jimmy Guthrie even if the official transfer was held up. That, too, is something new to me. Portsmouth have refused a £1,250 cheque for Players Union Chairman Guthrie.

THE STORY OF DODDS

By Archie Quick

Behind the story that L. C. Dodds, the Essex amateur cricketer, has turned pro lies the story of a man who has set himself the attainment of an ideal.

Dodds came out of the Army intent upon being a journalist, a writer who would wander over the face of devastated Europe describing what he saw and later writing a book about it. But it's not working out that way. Greater funds than expected were needed, so Dodds is going to earn money on the cricket field in the summer so that he may realise his European object in the winter. He plans a walking tour through Europe at the end of next summer.

Dodds proved a valuable opening bat for Essex last season of the defensive type. He has not many strokes but he can stay and several times last summer he propped up one end while wickets were tumbling at the other.

FASTBALL CORNER

Giants Suffer First Defeat At Hands Of St. Joseph's Squad

(By "Spectator")

EXCITING FINISHES FEATURED TWO OF THE THREE LEAGUE GAMES LAST SUNDAY. THE WINNERS IN BOTH CASES CAME FROM BEHIND TO EMERGE VICTORIOUS IN THE LAST STANZA. ST. JOSEPH'S REGISTERED THEIR FIRST WIN IN THREE OUTINGS TO ACCOUNT FOR THE GIANTS BY SIX RUNS TO FIVE. IT WAS THE LATTERS' FIRST DEFEAT IN THREE MATCHES PLAYED. RECREIO AGAIN FIELDED A SCRATCH TEAM AND JUST MANAGED TO EDGE THROUGH AGAINST THE HOTSHOTS, WINNING BY THREE RUNS TO TWO.

The Canadian Chinese played with a very much depleted side and fell easy victims to the Rovers. The score was 10-1. Chung Wah again failed to show up and the Baseball Club received a walk-over.

After beating the Saints in every department of the game the Giants crucked up in the last frame to allow the former to score a victory which at one time looked certain to go to Charlie Figueiredo's boys. In that eventful inning, the Giants were leading by five runs to two and two Josephians were already put away, when the rot set in. The Saints' timely bingles had two of them at first and second, and a walk filled the bags. Then Sherry Bucks banged out a "heroic" double to score in two St. Joseph's runs. Another walk again splashed the bases. Dave Leonard played a captain's inning when he drove in two more runs to lead by one and to win. For once Dame Fortune smiled on Dave, for he was missed before he made that winning hit.

By winning the Saints now stand a sporting chance in the championship race. Their playing did at long last show a flash of former brilliance. Individual playing honours went to the Giants. Farko Baptista's two successive doubles to right field were masterpieces. While "Big Boy" Baker again showed power with a Ruthian clout for a fourmaster. It was his second League home run.

With four regular players not doing duty, the Rambling Rees nevertheless proved too steady for the Hotshots, who led most of the way until the last frame, when with two away, Avichi Yvanovich scored the deciding run as a result of a neat hit by newest Rec hurler Kelly Silva Nello. In the Hotshots' defeat it was a case of a young team being not up to the occasion in tight play, but their marked improvement could be readily seen.

This week-end's games are: 10.30 Rovers v. Chung Wah, followed by Canadian Chinese v. Giants, 2 p.m. Baseball Club v. Hotshots, followed by St. Joseph's v. Rees.

Bert Couzens, 47-years-old London gas-worker, completed at Ramford Stadium, London, recently, a record walk of 3,000 miles in 1,139 3/4 hours. "Only once did I feel tired," said Couzens afterwards. "That was on November 8 when I came off and slept for an hour."

Eyestrain, with the effort of watching the track, was the only physical discomfort he suffered and, though he lost two stones in weight, he hoped to resume work as usual.

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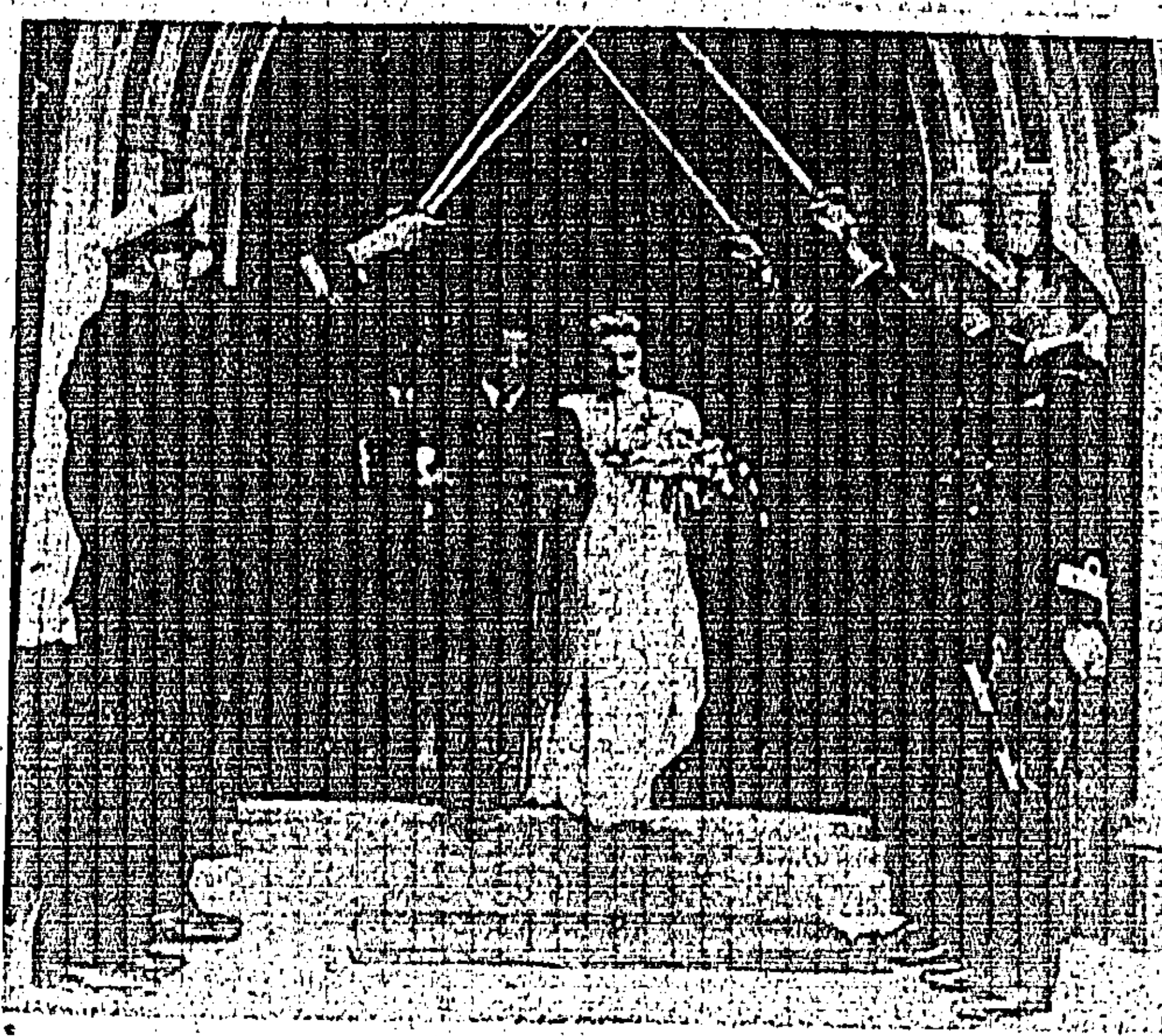
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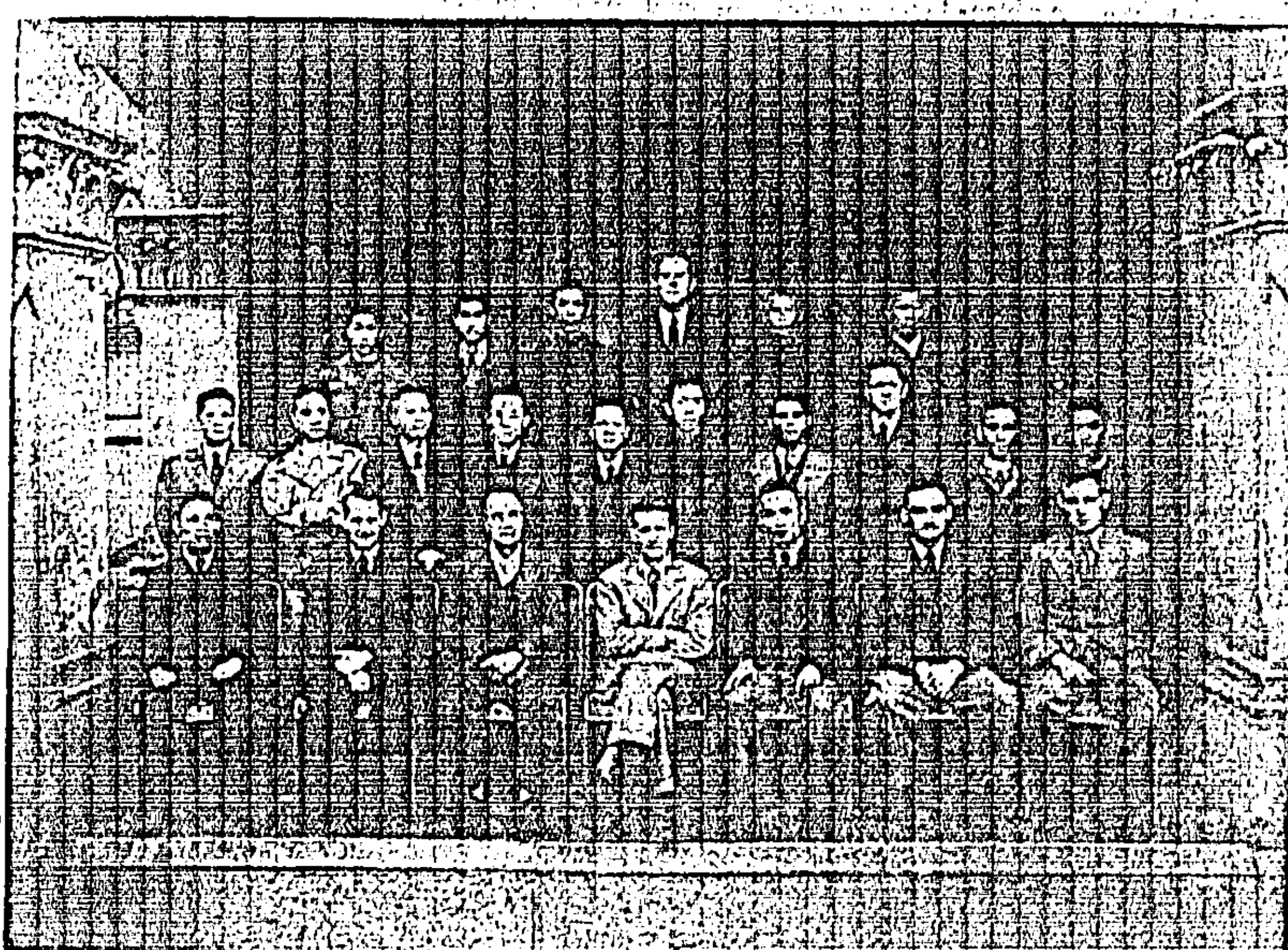
PICTORIAL RECORD OF CURRENT EVENTS



NAVAL WEDDINGS—Cdr. H. N. Martin, Captain of HMS Nabcatcher, and Miss Penelope Burra, who were married last week, are seen in the picture at left above, taken at the reception given at Admiralty House, with Vice-Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, C-in-C British Pacific Fleet, and Lady Boyd and other guests. (Photo: Francis Wu). The picture at right above is of Lieut. M. H. W. Seymour and Miss Mary Ellen Shufflobotham as they were leaving St Joseph's Church after their wedding last Saturday. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



ANOTHER wedding at St Joseph's Church last Saturday was that of Mr Georges Fouillard and Miss Lucy Mary Harrison, of New York. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



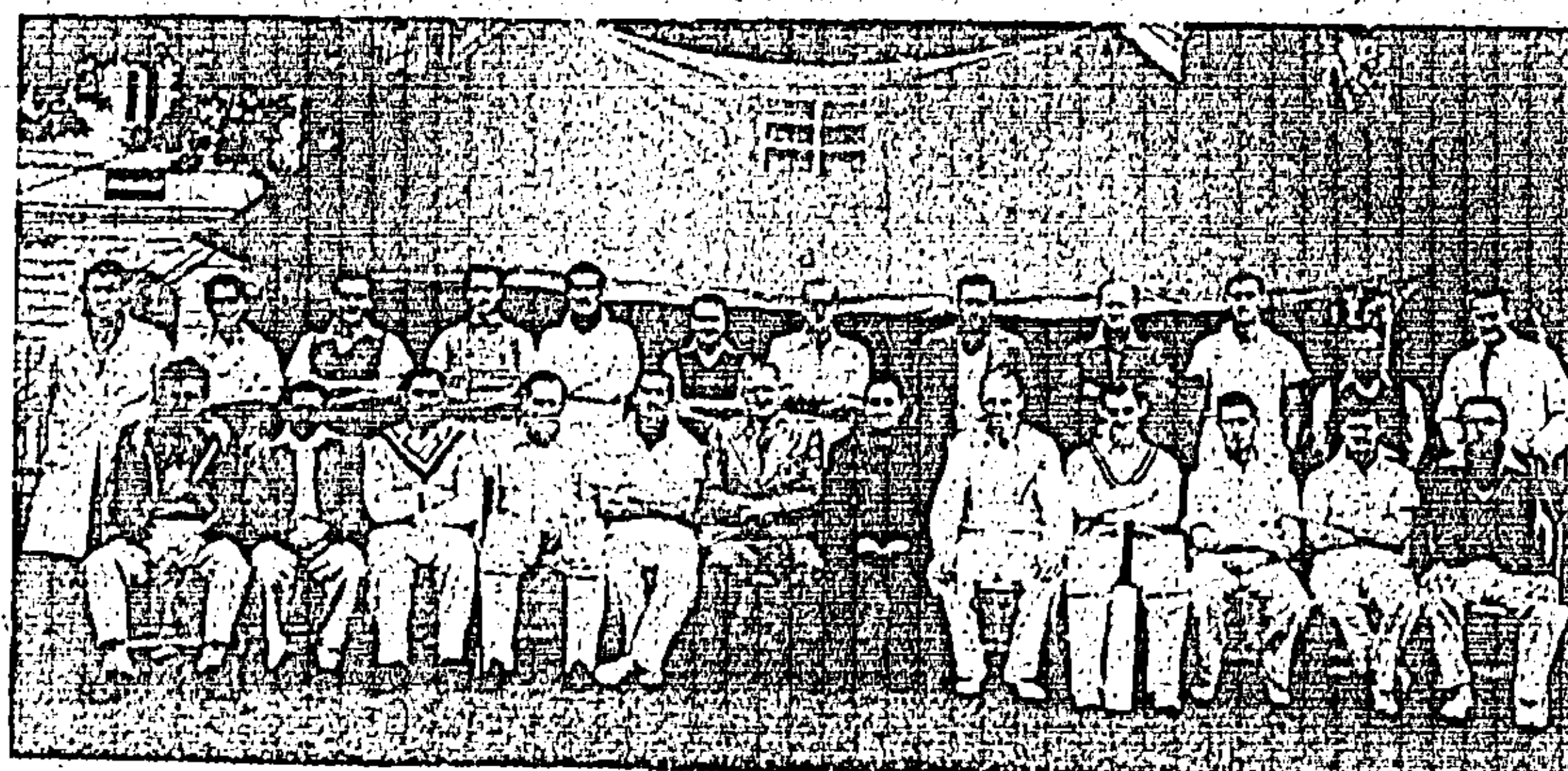
ROYAL OBSERVATORY STAFF—Photo taken on the occasion of the retirement of Mr Lam Kai Tsung, head computer of the Royal Observatory, and his assistant, Mr Yuen Lai Sang, who have had 45 years' and 30 years' service respectively. Front row, left to right:—Messrs Lau Pak Wa, L. Starbuck, Lam Kai Tsung, C. S. P. Heywood, Yuen Lai Sang, B. W. Thomson, C. S. Ramago. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



MR ROY FARRELL, Mr Neil Buchanan and Mr M. K. Nasholds snapped at Kai Tak airport after the arrival of a Cathay Pacific aircraft from London recently. (Photo: Capt V. Leslie).



AT ST TERESA'S CHURCH last Sunday, Miss Victoria Akit became the bride of Mr Richard S. Ostenson. The happy couple are shown above as they were leaving the church. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



HONG CRICKET—Teams representing Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., taken before their match last Sunday at the Hongkong Cricket Club. Bank won the friendly encounter. (Photo: Ming Yuen).



AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL last Saturday, the marriage took place of Mr A. L. Snaith and Miss Jane Booker. Photo taken after the ceremony. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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